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**BACK IN THE STABLES** that night, the jeep above did a little bragging: "Eight stars! Look, EIGHT stars—and even the driver was a major general!" This happened at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., during a parade before Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair, Army Ground Forces commander. Left to right: Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, Third Army commander; General McNair, and Maj. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commander of the 2nd Infantry Division.

## Army Enjoys Best Health, Surgeon General Reports

The general health of the Army during the past winter was approximately 50 per cent better than for the same period a year before, the Surgeon General informed the War Department. Normally higher admission rates during the winter months are expected due to common respiratory infections with their serious complications, the Surgeon General points out. The past winter has been an exception and sick rates have been unusually low.

Hospital admission rates per 100 per annum for the winter period from November to February, inclusive, U. S. Army in the United States, show a 50 per cent reduction in admissions, all causes; 62 per cent for pneumonia only, and 70 per cent for respiratory infections from those of the corresponding period in 1940-1941. The reductions translated into days added for training, savings in drugs and hospital supplies, transportation, and incidentals, represent a decided addition to the war effort, not to mention the effect on morale and well being, the report said.

### Private Industry Trains More Men

Seventy-eight private industry technical training schools are now being conducted in connection with the training program sponsored by the Ordnance Department, Services Supply, the War Department announced.

This training is providing needed personnel for the production lines of private manufacturers engaged in war work and also for government-owned and operated ordnance facilities, it was said.

The program is divided into three parts: the first is to train personnel to work in the factories of ordnance contractors; second, training for ordnance inspectors in the plants of private companies; and, third, the training given in production and maintenance to civilian personnel employed directly by the Ordnance Department.

### Chaplains Get 13 Assistants

Chaplains serving replacement training centers will be provided with one enlisted man assistant, the War Department announced.

Two hundred forty-three 5th grade assistants will be appointed to assist all training center chaplains. These duties are as heavy as unit chaplains.

More than half of the chaplains' assistants are divided among the Fourth and Seventh Corps areas. Twenty-three enlisted men will assist chaplains in the Fourth Corps area, while 53 will take up duties in the Seventh Corps Area.

Second and Sixth Corps Areas received the appointment of only one assistant each.

## Refresher For The Reserves

**FARC, FORT BRAGG, N. C.**—Establishment of a preliminary "orientation course" to precede the regular Field Artillery Replacement Center School for Reserve Officers was announced by Brigadier General Edwin P. Parker, Jr., commanding general of the FARC. It was also revealed that in the future all newly-arrived officers will attend the one-month "refresher course" given by the school before going to a training regiment for duty.

Under the former plan, when a group of reserve officers reported for duty, half of them went to school for a month, taking the refresher course, and half went to regiments. At the end of the month, they exchanged places. This system has been found impracticable, however, it was stated.

When a newly-arrived officer reports now, he is immediately assigned to the orientation course, which is conducted by Lt. Col. DeLoss H. Barber and three other officers. He takes the course until the next regular class of the FARC School is begun. During his first days of active military life, the officer is given information on uniforms, customs and courtesies of the service, voice command, instruction, school of the soldier, and military training. He sees training movies and participates in dismounted drill. As soon as another class for the one-month refresher course is formed, he is assigned to it.

## France Is Now an Allied Threat

It appeared certain Friday that the Allied Nations were to be faced by yet another army, another navy, and one more front. This time it is Vichy France.

The elevation of Pierre Laval to the post of French premier, with Marshal Henri-Philippe Petain kept on as a symbolic chief of state, means that the reins of French government can be shifted to Hitler's hands in a moment, should the need arise.

Observers here and abroad expect this to happen in a short time. The Hitler-Laval regime points these guns at Allied heads:

The French fleet distributed at French Mediterranean and African bases.

The key bases themselves and the important harbors of southern France.

The 1,000,000-strong French Army in North Africa, reportedly undergoing reorganization.

The manpower in unoccupied France which can be made to work for Hitler.

Germany's rear is strengthened by the pro-Nazi administration in France at a moment when Hitler is preparing large offensives in the East. Altogether, the move showed Hitler's fear of an Allied attack through France.

If full "collaboration" is enforced, Germany will have control of the western Mediterranean, shutting off supplies to the British army in Libya. The Nazis would have the use of Dakar and French West Africa, as a base for thrusts toward South America and attacks on Allied convoys bound round the Cape of Good Hope. They would have the use of Martinique, only 1200 miles from the Panama Canal—unless the U. S. seizes it first.

Madagascar could be delivered to the Japanese as a base from which to attack convoys to the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean.

## Pay Bill Is Due For Swift Ride To Waiting Men

**Raises Expected To Be In Effect In a Month... Consider Allotment Bill Later**

The House Military Affairs Committee concluded hearings Wednesday on the Johnson Bill to raise the pay of men in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. The bill was then referred to a special legislative subcommittee for redrafting, and inclusion of several minor changes the Committee found necessary.

"We expect to report it out of committee by Tuesday, April 28," Chairman Andrew J. May (D., Ky.) said following the hearing. It will then be passed by the House in a few days and sent to President Roosevelt for signature, he declared.

One of the suggested changes was to increase to 75 per cent of the full pay the retired pay of officers who served in the armed forces prior to November, 1918.

The committee decided not to include two amendments which it had previously considered. One was a compulsory allotment of \$15 a month from the serviceman's increased pay to his dependents, this amount to be matched or bettered by the government. The other provided for free laundry, cleaning and haircuts, equivalent to another \$5-a-month raise. These will be considered as separate measures, however.

Provisions of the bill, which will be in the re-draft, included increased rental allowances for all commissioned officers up to and including the rank of major. The new scale ranges from \$60 a month for a second lieutenant with dependents, to \$105 a month for a major with dependents. The present scale is \$40 to \$100. Rental allowances of officers in higher grades remain at \$120 a month. The base pay of service nurses would be increased from \$70 to \$90 a month.

The bill, which has the backing of the War and Navy Departments, would make the starting pay in the military services \$42 a month, instead of \$21, and would grant increases all the way up the line.

It would also establish much the same sort of grade promotion in the Army as now prevails in the Navy. Whereas many soldiers continue in the Army as privates at \$30 a month after four months, apprentice seamen are promoted automatically to seamen second class at \$36 a month.

It is estimated the pay increases will cost about \$235,000,000 a year.

A newspaper poll of the House indicated that there would be little opposition to it, even by the most economy-minded Congressman. The bill is too popular and has too substantial backing to encourage sniping.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D., Colo.) introduced the measure in the Senate and it was passed unanimously on March 5.

## Ease Naturalization Rules For Ex-Service Men

Any person not a U. S. citizen, who serves in the military forces of this country during the present war, will be given special privileges if he wants to become an American citizen after the war is over.

Naturalization law revisions made recently lift these restrictions for ex-service men and others from the routine of becoming a citizen:

No declaration of intention and no period of residence in the U. S. will be required;

Petition for naturalization may be filed in any court having naturalization jurisdiction, regardless of the petitioner's residence; Petitioner need not be able to speak English, sign petition in his own handwriting, or meet any educational test;

No fee shall be charged for any purpose.

Petitioner must have been honorably discharged from the service, must furnish proof of service, and must have two affidavits of good character. Both the character affidavits and the signed statements attesting that the petitioner served in the armed forces may be signed by any two members of the noncommissioned grades or higher.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.



# Moscow Flight In '41 Brings 12 Citations

Decorations have been awarded by the War Department to two groups of Army Air Corps fliers who participated in the air journey of the Harriman Mission from Washington, D. C., to Moscow, in September, 1941.

One group, which left the Harriman Mission in Moscow and continued east, accomplished what was reported to be the fastest journey ever made around the world in a total flying time of 121 hours and 55 minutes. Three Army officers and three enlisted men were cited for this exploit. The citation states that "new air routes and possible landing fields" were established, and that the skill displayed by the fliers "reflects the highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

The Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to Maj. Alva L. Harvey, of Cleburne, Tex., commander of the round-the-world flight.

First Lieut. John B. Montgomery of Spartanburg, S. C., was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to add to a Distinguished Flying Cross previously won.

Award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Second Lieut. John Archie Hutchins, Jr., of Spencer, N. C., was posthumous. Lieutenant Hutchins lost his life December 11 when his plane fell into the sea in the course of another Army flight.

Enlisted men decorated for participation in the flight were: Master Sgt. Joseph G. Moran of Cleveland, O.; and Master Sgt. Clarence D. Green of Langley Field, Va.; Technical Sgt. Joseph H. Walsh of Baltimore, Md. Sergeants Moran and Green received the Distinguished Flying Cross, while Sergeant Walsh was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to add to a previously awarded Distinguished Flying Cross.

The other group, also consisting of three officers and three enlisted men, surveyed a new westward route in the course of their homeward journey. The citation states that "this flight was accomplished under unfavorable weather conditions" and praises "expert navigation and superior flying when engines threatened to stall."

For their participation in the flight, the Distinguished Flying Cross was awarded to First Lt. James W. Chapman, Jr., of Austin, Tex., and First Lt. Louis T. Reichers of Arlington, N. J.

Second Lt. Theodore J. Boselli of New York City, having already received the Distinguished Flying Cross, was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster.

Enlisted men who were decorated for participation in the flight were: Technical Sgt. Francis G. Denery of North Adams, Mass.; Staff Sgt. Elvin P. Westcott of Phoenix, Miss., and Cpl. Clyde W. Nowlin of Harrison, O.

Sergeant Westcott was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. Sergeant Denery and Corporal Nowlin, having already received the Distinguished Flying Cross, were awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster.

The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded by the War Department of 29 Army officers and 46

# Iron Division Shows It's Made of Iron Men

CAMP LIVINGSTON, La. — Proof that the troops of the Iron Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. J. Garesche Ord are whetting their metal for crucial tests, was substantiated on Range 12, where men of the 109th and 110th Infantry sallied forth upon the open range to demonstrate their ability in stalking the enemy.

Attacking rifle platoons advanced cautiously, using extended order methods that enabled each man to advance singly with the least danger to his life, and resulting in entire platoons being able to establish lines

of fire with the least possible casualties. Scouts from individual squads darted forth on each flank of their units to observe the proximity of the enemy, and by this method were most likely to draw the fire of the opposing rifles. Accordingly, platoon leaders went forward to be better able to employ their men and supervise the procedure.

Stressing the importance of utilizing the maximum initiative of scouts and platoon leaders, Major Edward A. Madden, officer in charge of the tests, revealed the key to the suc-

cessful operation of any infantry unit and aptly labeled his theory "the five 'f's' . . . find 'em . . . fix 'em . . . fight 'em . . . follow 'em . . . and finish 'em. Emphatically pointing out the importance of using all available cover and all around security . . . the major drilled the men with the incessant theme of using initiative in every movement so that no situation will find them unprepared for an unexpected move by the enemy. Going through their paces with these thoughts governing their actions, the troops made an

impressive showing in the tests. Demonstrating the tactical efficiency of the squad and platoon under actual combat conditions, the Scouts, far in advance of the body of troops, fired tracer bullets into the imaginary flanks of the enemy lines to designate the location of the foe. While fixing the enemy with concentrated rifle and automatic gunfire, the heavier units moved into position to bring their fire power on the enemy lines, while the lighter units constantly advanced under their protective blanket of steel.

In field exercises, recently completed by the 109th Infantry Regiment, Maj. Gen. J. Garesche Ord, commanding the 28th (Iron) Division, commended two sergeants, both of whom displayed initiative and leadership in the execution of their duties.

The two men commended were Sgt. John Calley, Jr., of "I" Company and Sgt. Zeno A. Stover, of "K" Company . . . both of the 109th Infantry Regiment. The commendation of Sgt. Calley read "For initiative and prompt action in organizing a local counter attack to relieve pressure on his platoon."

Gen. Ord's commendation for the work of Sgt. Stover read, "For efficient leadership of a reconnaissance patrol during field exercises."

A critique was held immediately after the field exercises, at which Maj. Gen. Oscar Griswold, of IV Army Corps and Maj. Gen. Garesche Ord discussed the maneuvers and questioned the men as to their individual duties. A few days later, the following commendations were published.

"Efficiently placing the heavy units of the platoons and camouflaging their positions with nets and natural cover, the squads prominently displayed the usage of intensive instruction in the past weeks at Iron Division camp. Outstanding every action was the demonstrated ability to exert initiative in front of the enemy and quick, decisive action on the part of the platoon leader was evident as they brought the men forward to a designated line skirmish."

Major Madden stated during the tests that . . . "their proficiency very satisfactory . . . very fine showing . . ." Many men now with units are selectees from Camp Wheeler and Camp Croft, in schools for Infantry Training, and these men, many have been non-commissioned officers since joining the Iron Division.

## THE WEEK'S COMMUNIQUE:

### Bataan Falls

Thursday, April 9

#### Philippine Theater:

A message from General Wainwright at Fort Mills just received at the War Department states that the Japanese attack on Bataan Peninsula succeeded in enveloping the east flank of our lines, in the position held by the II Corps. An attack by the I Corps, ordered to relieve the situation, failed due to complete physical exhaustion of the troops. Full details are not available, but this situation indicates the probability that the defenses on Bataan have been overcome.

### Enemy Attacks Cebu

Friday, April 10

#### Philippine Theater

General Wainwright reported this morning that all communication between Corregidor and Bataan had been cut off for nearly twenty-four hours. However, it is apparent that fighting on the Peninsula has ceased.

The General sent a message to the President in which he expressed his appreciation of the confidence placed in him by his Commander-in-Chief. He said everything possible had been done to hold Bataan with the limited number of combat soldiers under his command. The overwhelming air and

enlisted men "for extraordinary achievement" in a flight of bombers from Honolulu to the Philippine Islands in the fall of 1941. All of those cited are members of the Army Air Corps, with the exception of Capt. Donald D. Flickinger, of the Army Medical Corps.

In four cases, the awards are posthumous. These include Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., of Madison, Fla., and Staff Sgt. William J. Delehanty of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was a member of the crew of Captain Kelly's plane and was killed in the same action.

Two other fliers who are decorated posthumously are Staff Sgts. James L. Cannon of Schertz, Tex., and William C. Jones of Mankato, Kan. Both were killed in the Pacific area in December.

Each of the fliers, according to identical citations, "displayed skillful airmanship and accurate knowledge of the highly technical details in the successful execution of the flight, which involved traversing by air uncharted waters . . . The speed with which each phase of this flight was accomplished indicated a high quality of navigation. This outstanding achievement reflects the highest credit on the military forces of the United States."

artillery superiority of the Japanese finally overcame the dogged resistance of the hungry and exhausted defenders. General Wainwright declared that our Flag still flies on the beleaguered island fortress of Corregidor.

Corregidor was raided frequently throughout April 9 by heavy Japanese bombers. Enemy batteries in Bataan and on the south shore of Manila Bay repeatedly shelled our island forts. No material damage resulted. Our guns did not return the fire of the enemy artillery in Bataan, because the exact position of our troops in that area was not known and it was desired to avoid the chance of subjecting them to our own fire.

The enemy apparently is landing troops in Cebu. A fleet of five warships and ten transports is off that island. Our torpedo boats attacked the enemy vessels, sinking a Japanese cruiser.

### Land 12,000 Japs

Saturday, April 11

#### Philippine Theater:

Despite fierce resistance by the small American and Philippine force, the enemy was able to effect a landing on the island of Cebu on April 10. The Japanese force now debarking on that island is estimated at 12,000. The landing is being supported by dive bombers and a heavy fire from hostile naval vessels. Tank units have been landed by the Japanese.

The defenders continue to resist stubbornly and the invaders have been unable to advance inland more than a few miles at any point. Enemy casualties have been heavy.

Corregidor and Fort Hughes in Manila Bay were subjected to intensive air attacks during the past twenty-four hours. However, our casualties were few and the damage inflicted was slight.

Our fortified islands were under intermittent fire from enemy artillery in Bataan and on the south shore of the Bay.

There is no communication between our troops in Bataan and those in Corregidor.

Fighting is continuing on the island of Cebu, where the Japanese have landed troops at several different points. Among the places on the island where the enemy has established beach heads are Cebu City, Toledo, Argao, Pinamungajan, Naga and Talisay. Thus far, little progress inland has been made.

Our harbor defenses in Manila Bay were repeatedly bombed today by enemy aircraft. Our guns engaged in an artillery duel with enemy batteries on the south shore of the Bay.

### Raid Corregidor 12 Times

Sunday, April 12

#### Philippine Theater:

Japanese planes raided Corregidor twelve times during the past twenty-four hours. The attacks were concentrated on the center of the island. Our anti-aircraft fire kept the bombers at a high altitude. As a result, the damage inflicted by the enemy was slight and only a few casualties were sustained by our troops.

Enemy batteries located in Bataan and in Cavite fired on our fortifications this morning.

The enemy cruiser sunk a few days ago near Cebu is reported to have been of the Waskuma class.

### Sink Invasion Barges

Monday, April 13

#### Philippine Theater:

Fire from Corregidor and the other Manila Bay forts sank a number of small Japanese boats in Mariveles harbor and set fire to several others. There were ten Japanese air raids

on Corregidor during the past twenty-four hours, making a total of twenty-two in two days. Our anti-aircraft batteries again kept hostile bombers at a high altitude. Our installations sustained only minor damage. There were some casualties.

Communication between Cebu and Corregidor has been cut off for the past forty-eight hours, so nothing is known of the present situation on the island of Cebu.

#### Far East:

The War Department today announced the loss, by enemy action, in the Far East of two freighters of the Army Transport Service, the LIBERTY and the MEIGS.

The LIBERTY was torpedoed twice by an enemy submarine on January 11, twelve miles from Bali in the Netherlands Indies. The vessel was beached and 53 members of the crew and 1 passenger were rescued by Dutch planes. Some were flown to Soerabaja and some to Bali. There was no loss of life.

The MEIGS was sunk by enemy bombing planes in the harbor of Darwin, Australia, on February 19. The master of the vessel, Captain F. S. Link, was wounded, and later died. One crew member was killed and eight were wounded.

### In Touch With Cebu

Tuesday, April 14

#### Philippine Theater:

Corregidor was raided four times today by flights of heavy Japanese bombers. Our troops sustained some casualties, but only slight damage was inflicted on military installations.

Enemy batteries shelled Corregidor and Fort Frank from positions on both sides of Manila Bay. Our guns returned the fire.

Communication with Cebu has been re-established. Heavy fighting is reported on that island, where our troops are greatly outnumbered, but are stubbornly resisting the advance of the enemy.

In the Digos area of the island of Mindanao, sharp skirmishes are in progress.

Reports from Northern Luzon advise of successful raids by small bodies of our troops against lightly-held enemy positions in the mountains.

In Mindanao one of our raiding parties ambushed an enemy truck column, inflicting heavy casualties. Our troops suffered no losses.

Additional details have been received of the sinking of an enemy light cruiser of the Kuma class near the southern tip of Cebu Island several days ago.

### U. S. Planes Raid P. I.

Wednesday, April 15

#### Philippine theater:

In a message to the War Department, General MacArthur confirmed press reports from Australia concerning the remarkably successful (See COMMUNIQUE, Page 15)

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# Soldiers Set World Record for Phone System Setup

QUARRY HEIGHTS, C. Z.—A new world's record, 22 days from start to finish, for installing a 600-phone automatic telephone exchange has been set at Quarry Heights, it was announced by Col. Harry E. Storms, Panama Canal Department Signal Officer. "We want a 600-line automatic telephone office started today at 4 p. m. and cut over for use in exactly 22 days," Colonel Storms said. Telephone Engineer William E. Nichols. Although a job of such dimensions takes commercial telephone companies 90 days to complete, Engineer Nichols, undismayed, began work immediately. After working with the Signal Corps for 13 years, four of them on Isthmian jobs, including installation of automatic exchanges at Fort Davis, Fort Clayton and Albrook Field, Nichols was ready to go for the record.

## SEACTC Notes

MAXWELL FIELD, Ala. — Here's another proof that the men at Turley Field, Ga., are original. In the Engineering and Operations building there is a cheerful sign which reads "Drive Away the Morning Blues with a Cup of the Army's Choicest Java at Lanny's Coffee Emulsion." Backed financially by his squadron fund, Pfc. Pat Lanny twice a day holds sway over his glistening coffee urn and dispenses coffee and to his squadron-mates.

"The greatest sport in the world!" That's the description Wing Commander E. M. Donaldson gives to the game of shooting down German Messerschmitts. On tour of Army flying fields in the SEACTC, this British army officer has 20 enemy planes to his credit. He lost his own ship the first time, but each time parachuted safely. In commenting on the fighting in the Far East, Wing Commander Donaldson says, "It's lots more fun shooting down Japs than hunting foxes."

Does the Army have a heart? Well, it's promising for yourself. The importance of family and sweetheart to the fighting fliers, who are now being trained by the thousands all over the world, has been recognized by the staff of the Columbus flying school. The authorities there have provided a "day room" or reception room where the visiting sweetheart or wife may relax in comfort while waiting for Johnny to come in for a landing. This big room is extensively furnished and proves that the Army has a heart and is giving proper recognition to the loved ones of the boys who "Keep 'em Flying!"

The enigma of all telephone operators, the names "Smith" and "Johnson!" At one of the fields in the SEACTC recently, they counted noses of all those with the names of "Smith" and "Johnson." The count—30 Johnsons and 29 Smiths. The Smiths are paging Jamie Stewart as "Mr. Smith goes to Washington" in order to even the score.

Making the rounds of the various bases at Maxwell Field is a "Japanese Hunting License." Issued by the Warden "Will I. Gettman" and "Hani Kari," the license, a simple mimeographed sheet, authorizes the bearer to "hunt the Japanese." The hunting season is "open for an indefinite period," and the license expires "when these rats are exterminated."

## Entertainment At Hamilton

"Three Men On a Horse," Broadway comedy success, came to Fort Hamilton last week with an all-star cast in the male roles. The three men are from Camp Upton, N. Y. Service, a play about an enterprising producer who does not care to pay his hotel board bill, comes to Fort Hamilton Y. M. C. A. this evening.

A well-balanced, hand-picked, all-star team of eight soldiers and six civilians was chosen for the mark-making job. Every man on the team, says Nichols, was a specialist, chosen to do one job and do it in the least possible time.

At 4:05 p. m. of the day Colonel Storm gave his order crews began loading 85,000 pounds of telephone equipment from depot storage into trucks, which rushed it to the job site, where another crew already was cleaning debris from the rooms where the equipment was to be set up.

Fluorescent lights were installed, tools assembled and drawings made ready. A man familiar with the equipment to be used checked in the boxes as they arrived and had each box placed at the point where the equipment it contained would be set up.

### Assemble Main Frame

The first morning on the job saw equipment unpacked. Working drawings were posted on the walls to guide the men doing the installation. Iron work erectors, called in from other projects, swiftly assembled the skeleton of the main frame. In three days all equipment was in place and ready for the slow tedious job of cabling and connecting contact points. Power men arrived. A manual crew was brought from the Atlantic side to handle the two-man main switchboard. Cable experts were picked from other crews. Main frame men were ready to take over their end of the job, while the outside plant department got ready the 1,800 cable pairs to be connected



ENGINEER William E. Nichols and Assistant Joseph E. Rayner test new switchboard with soldiers who made the installation record.

to the new office.

In the initial phase of the work, as throughout the job, the picked team overcame all obstacles and kept work running smoothly. A hawk-eyed janitor was especially selected for the project and earned his pay several times over when he found a small package of vital equipment which had been thrown out with the empty boxes by accident.

Supply problems were the first obstacle. Batteries, motor generators, ringing machines and some steel work failed to arrive on schedule. Steel was borrowed from another job not yet started and plans were made to borrow other equipment from a completed exchange in which duplicate equipment had been installed.

### Yell for Tests

Eight automobile batteries were

earmarked for use as an emergency power supply in case the batteries ordered for the project failed to arrive, but just as the crews reached the point where the needed equipment was to be installed it arrived and was being put in place, Nichols says, "Before the smell of the sea had vanished from the packing cases."

Twelve days from the start of the job the night foreman yelled for testing power, and nine days later all tests had been completed. The following night the crews pulled out the insulating clips, the last step in connecting Quarry Heights with the new dial circuit, and the 22-day job was finished.

Work on the new automatic exchanges at Howard Field and Fort Gulick was completed last week. The telephone crews will now install automatic equipment at Corozal,

France Field, Fort Amador and the Panama Air Depot and the Army telephone system on the Isthmus will be completely automatic. The Signal Corps is thinking of changing President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "Never has there been so little time in which to do so much" to "Never was so much done in so little time."

## MacArthur's Kin Is Private at Jefferson

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.—Pvt. Earnest B. MacArthur, 26-year-old grand-nephew of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, began Air Corps training with the hope that he would become "half as good a soldier" as his illustrious relative.

Private MacArthur's grandfather, Charles Arthur MacArthur, and the general were brothers, the soldier said in recalling that he had seen his famous grand uncle only once.

Despite the MacArthur military tradition, Private MacArthur had no previous military experience himself. "I like the Army fine," he said, "But I'd sure like to see some real action soon."

A skilled coppersmith and sheet metal worker who has twice been to Panama as a civilian employee in the Navy's Canal Zone repair shop, Private MacArthur volunteered for naval service, but was rejected because of a dental defect.

Drafted last month and inducted at Ft. McPherson, Ga., he requested Air Corps assignment and was sent to the 567th School Sqdn. here. In the event that he does not win a flying cadet appointment, Private MacArthur hopes to attend the sheet metal school at Chanute Field, Ill.

## Lone Star State Pvt. Escorts Singing Star

MacDILL FIELD, TAMPA, Fla.—Pvt. Floyd E. Malone, 24, was flabbergasted when informed he had been selected as the soldier to escort lovely Mary Ann Mercer, singing star, when she visited this air base Monday. Malone, who until he enlisted in the Air Corps three months ago, was a drug store manager at Paris, Tex., invested in one lump sum \$575 in War Savings Bonds and Stamps. Malone's purchase brought to a total of \$1,681.20 in bonds and stamps purchased by his outfit—the Third Mapping Squadron. A total of \$22,079.05 was raised at MacDill Field.

## Men Train to Fix Guns in Field

Special to The Army Times:

PORT SILL—Training artillerymen to repair their guns in the field is the task assigned to the Materiel Department of the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill.

Working hand in hand with the other departments of the school, the materiel section functions under the assumption that a weapon, if improperly taken care of, or if need of repair, is no asset to any organization.

The most emphasis is the "mechanics" course, a 12-week class designed to train at least one man in every field artillery battery to make any repairs necessary to a gun in the field, and to maintain the weapons properly at all times.

These students spend their first weeks of class learning the use of carpentry and the use of a gunner's tools, next going to the gun and forge section for an additional two weeks of study.

As in the carpentry section, soldiers are not expected to master the art of using forges in the short period allotted to them, but are merely taught the use of tools and equipment.

Upon completion of the first month of study, however, each student is capable of repairing and constructing articles of wood and of making simple metal replacements for any faulty pieces found in the field.

The third step in the training is the actual work with the guns of all sizes. Beginning with a series of lectures, the classes are broken down into small teams, usually four men to a gun. With the help and supervision of an enlisted instructor assigned to each team, each man is given an opportunity to disassemble the parts authorized in a case of field stripping.

The team begin with the smaller guns used for anti-tank purposes, ending their studies with the larger guns, such as the 105 and 155 mm. Howitzers and guns.

The last week of the course is spent in reviewing, with emphasis on the gun used by the student's organization. Upon completion of the course each student is capable of making all simple repairs on the weapons and of caring for the weapons. Major repairs are not made by the battery mechanics themselves, but by members of the Ordnance Department.

The battery officer and Officer Candidate School classes in materiel are similar, but include only 32 hours of study. Few of the more detailed technical points are brought out during this short period, and students concentrate mainly on maintenance and the functioning of the weapons.

Nearly 200 enlisted specialists are in attendance at the materiel classes as well as more than 60 battery officers and 120 O.C.S. students. In addition, courses of Materiel instruction are to be given students of the more advanced officer classes in the Field Artillery School.

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## At Home and Abroad

In a radio talk last week, Mrs. Roosevelt warned the American people that they have a duty toward the American soldier no less grave than the one they have placed in his hands.

"Unless we keep our young soldiers of today in touch with what is going on at home," she said, "and unless they come back to a country where they feel their interests have been safeguarded, and that they have full opportunity to build their normal lives, we must face the probability that we will have a dangerous group in our midst."

What this amounts to is simply mutual trust. There can be no possible doubt that the soldier, the sailor and the marine are carrying out, with devotion, their part of the pact. It remains to be seen how unselfish the people at home can be.

At this moment in the war, despite setbacks suffered on our distant fronts, the morale at home is good. The people have supreme confidence in the ability of American men to fight a winning war. But there will be more and greater defeats before this conflict ends, and the depression that follows each will serve as an entering wedge for insidious propaganda. As a hardy plant thrusts roots into a thin crack in a rock and splits it, so there are forces waiting for the chance to divide the American will. Any disruption of the singleness of purpose now existing between U. S. civilian and U. S. soldier will work to the grief of both.

Isolationism is not dead, it is not even asleep; it is only lying in wait. Pressure groups are never inactive but they know how to be quiet when silence suits their purpose.

Against these evils and others like them our first defense is everlasting vigilance.

## They Kept the Soldier's Faith

To the honored list of those who kept the soldier's faith, add these names from Bataan:

Thirty-first Infantry Regiment, Regular Army.

The Philippine Division (mainly Philippine Scouts, 10,000 strong).

The Fourth Marines.

Navy battalions, fighting on land.

Air Force units, scratched up through expediency—pilots without planes, mechanics without tools.

Cut off, outnumbered, half-starved, they fought to keep faith with our past traditions. They proved that courage does not die, that the American soldier still has those qualities of endurance and ingenuity that began to grow in 1776.

## CONFIDENTIAL Nazi Paratroops Are Loaded Down With Equipment

By M. R.

British observers who saw Nazi paratroopers land in Crete report that these men came down out of the sky loaded to the gunnels with equipment.

Besides his .32-caliber Luger pistol, the German umbrellaman carries a small submachine gun with three magazines holding 30 rounds each. Deadly at ranges of 50 to 70 yards, these guns can be used as shoulder weapons with a skeleton folding butt, and are accurate up to 200 yards.

The Germans carry field glasses and long knives with a marlin spike attached. (That's a long, pointed piece of steel used for working with wire.) Each paratrooper carries about six pear-shaped grenades with screw tops. Reportedly, these have not been very effective. Compasses supplied the Germans are cheap and inaccurate, but each man has a good map.

## A Big Order

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—When Andy Hajohn, hard-boiled private first class of the 6th Evacuation Hospital at Camp Blanding, takes a crew of soldiers out to work, he means business. His stock command to any one on the fatigue detail who seems to be loafing is: "Hey! You've got 33 vertebrae in your back yard—and I want to see each one functioning."

## In 1 3-5 Seconds, You Hope the 'Chute's Opened

ENID ARMY FLYING SCHOOL, Okla.—Housed comfortably near the flying line at the Army's School here is the post parachute department under the careful surveillance of Master Sgt. C. F. Russell, veteran of 20 years service and considered "Daddy of all Parachute Riggers." The spot veritably hums with the activity of maintaining silken life savers for the men patrolling the skies.

The department, without question one of the most important on the field, has the personnel and adequate facilities for all chute folding, rigging harnesses, inspecting and fitting the harnesses to individuals. Hearty Sgt. Russell whose many years knowledge is inculcated in his crew of workmen supervises every job down to the most minute detail. His men must be either graduates of service schools or be trained under the tutelage of a service school graduate. The department workers handled their variety of tasks skillfully and with an ease that bespeaks confidence in their own abilities. They are equipped to handle 1,000 chutes.

Opening time for a parachute Sgt. Russell said is 1 and 3-5 seconds. Its weight with pack is 23 pounds and the pack is serviced with a seat cushion. The chute is donned like a jacket. As soon as the man wearing it disengages the

plane he pulls the ring. Sgt. Russell dispels the popular outside notion that a count of ten should be made before pulling the ring. He points out that in the event a man is a stutterer or one inclined to the "long count" such procedure might be disastrous. His policy is to have the user pull the ring when the body has disengaged the plane and his reasons are most convincing. The chute will not tangle and will open quickly.

A tower at one end of the department building houses its drying room. Here Sgt. Russell explained that the chutes are hung after becoming damp or landing in a muddy or wet spot. Sunlight, the Sgt. continued, is harmful for the life preservers. It causes mildew and ultimate deterioration of the texture. While drying out the chutes must be kept out of the sun's rays and the ingenious supervisor has solved the window problem in the drying room by fashioning and hanging curtains of his own. Other enemies of the parachute listed by Sgt. Russell include acid, oil, and heat.

The department has to see that all tech orders applying to parachutes are rigidly enforced. It draws its own supplies and great care is taken with records notations being made on each journey a chute goes on and every time

it is in for repair. Students trained here are likely to shipment to other centers and as they leave more are taken in from the post's squadrons. There are two stages in the department one with men from the 474th School Sqn. in charge and known as the north stage and one with the personnel from the 475th and known as the south stage. In the north unit are Sgts. T. E. Eustace and W. D. Banks while the south stage has Sgt. R. C. Martins and Cpl. H. Andrews.

Sgt. Russell is mighty proud of his riggers. To demonstrate their faith in their work if need be he declared any one of them will jump from a plane in a chute he has cared for.

Each chute has a historical record and all data pertaining to it is kept throughout its life which is seven years. Forty-five minutes is the time used to fold a chute completely and without error. It is the user's last chance so the utmost care is taken.

Before assuming charge here Sgt. Russell headed the Parachute Department at Randolph Field, Tex. He was there six years and on numerous occasions in his 20 years service has been cited for the excellent manner in which he had done his job.

## HE'S WAITING...



—Jensen in the Chicago News

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Jinxing the Axis

As a member of the Medical Department of the United States Army attached to the Station Hospital at Fort Dix, I have a suggestion to make concerning the naming of the present war. I would call it the Jinx War derived from: J for Japan, I for Italy, N for Nazi, X for Axis.

I personally believe that when people will refer to the Jinx War, they will immediately think of death for the dictators. I am writing this letter on April 13, and I predict that the war will end by 1943. Let's hope that 1943 will be the Jinx Year for the Jinx Nations.

CP. SOL SILVERSTEIN,  
Medical Section,  
Station Hospital.

Ft. Dix, N. J.

With reference to a column titled "Army Men May Name War They Fight" in the April 11 issue of Army Times, the following two-word phrase is submitted as a possible new name for the present war: "Oceanic Armament."

SGT. RUSSELL M. STONE,  
Hq. & Serv. Co., MRTC,  
Camp Lee, Va.

In answer to the column in Army Times asking for names for the war, I would like to name it:

Globe War.  
SGT. FRED C. DeLOACH,  
Hq. and Mp. Co.  
Fort Jackson, S. C.

Just reading in Army Times where the President is looking for a new war name. Here is mine:

The All-Out War.

Though I am a sailor, I think

we're all in this for one thing—to win.

WILLIAM F. BORK, Sea.,  
Receiving Ship.  
Norfolk, Va.

In response to the President's request for names for the present world conflict, I wish to submit the following:

War of Liberation  
War for Freedom  
Racial War  
War of Emancipation

I would also like to take this opportunity to compliment you on your very fine publication.

SGT. JOHN W. EDER, JR.,  
Hq. and Hq. Btt., FARC.  
Fort Bragg, N. C.

Suggested war name:

Total War.  
PVT. RAYMOND D. JUDGE,  
Cl. C, 1st Med. Bn.  
Camp Lee, Va.

I forward the following names:

War of Deliverance—War for Freedom—War for Democracy—War for Christian Preservation—War for Peace—War for Christianity,  
1st Sgt. C. O. Scholbohm,  
Co. C, 22nd Tng. Bn., BIRTC  
Ft. McClellan, Ala.

I submit the following:  
Final Fight for Freedom—The Freedom Forces' Final Fight—Allied Crusade for Christian Freedom—Allied Crusades—Final Allied Crusade for Christianity—Final Allied Crusades—Combined Crusade for Freedom's Finality—Freedom's Finishing Touches—Fight for Freedom

Forever—Freedom's Fight—Crusade for Democracy—Allied Democracy—Victorious War—War for Victory—Freedom—War for Freedom's Victory.

Pfc. Theodore J. Mikulec,  
Med. Det., 1201st CASG  
Fort Jay, N. Y.

I gladly submit my equation for the war, hoping it may be of some entertainment or use.

Given:

'Gus' Germany: G  
Italy, by damn: I  
Of course, Japan: JAP  
All together, it's a GI(a)P.  
Among themselves there's a:  
PAX  
They are also known as:  
AXIS

Therefore:

GI(a)P: PAX: AXIS

Conclusion:

Put them all together,  
Boll'em down for shorter,  
All that's left to be or should be—  
(I'm doing more of this than I oughter)  
It's a GIPAXIS war, or could be.

Pvt. Erwin B. White,  
Co. D, 2nd Platoon, 7th Med. Tng. Bn.  
Camp Lee, Va.

The name I am sending in is: The Attack.

Pvt. J. L. Thiem,  
HQ Co., 149th Inf.  
Camp Shelby, Miss.

I have thought of a couple of suggestions. The first one is—V War—since we know it is going to be a victory for us.

The second one is—Crusaders' War—since this war has a lot to do with religion.

Pvt. W. McNeish,  
Co. B, 112th Med Bn.  
Indiantown Gap, Pa.

### Pen Pals' Corner

We have heard that through your magazine we might get in touch with the boys at camp. We feel that at a time like this everyone should do all in their power, not only for defense work, but also in keeping the morale of the Army, and would like to do our bit by writing to one that would care to correspond with us. Our addresses are:

Ella Mae McCormick, 4243  
163 St., Cleveland, O.

Doris Jesse, 16902 DeForest Ave.,  
Cleveland, O. (Shaker Square office).

Jane Patrick, 4733 East 175  
Cleveland, O. (To 2050 substation).



## Red Cross Reports on Work With Wounded Men on Bataan

Two reports telling of strenuous days and nights working with wounded American and Filipino soldiers on Bataan Peninsula have been received from Catherine L. Nau, Red Cross field director. Miss Nau is presumed to have been with the personnel of Field Hospital No. 2 to which she was assigned, when it was captured.

The reports from Miss Nau were the first and only ones received by the Red Cross from its remaining three national staff workers who were with the troops in the Philippine Islands. The whereabouts of the others has not been known since the fall of Manila.

Writing under date of January 17, she said that comfort supplies were given to patients in the outdoor, bamboo-sided hospital known as Field Hospital No. 2 on Bataan. "Still available are tooth brushes, razor blades, tooth paste, soap and shaving cream in limited quantity," she reported.

"Smokes are being given out slowly in order that our supply may stretch for an increase in patients and a prolonged stay here. We have a lending library of games, supplemented by some made out of scraps of wood here in the wilderness."

Miss Nau described "a one page gossip sheet" known as The Jungle Journal started as a recreation project, which was circulated weekly, in small numbers. Another recreation feature was a ward-to-ward quiz program "with the final contest in the chapel clearing." She said she was assisted by Miss Marino Ganaden, and by Mrs. Porter "a refugee in camp, until she was taken over by Miss Nesbitt for ward work."

In a report dated February 5, Miss Nau disclosed that her supply of six dozen tooth brushes was now used up. Cigarettes were given by the Red Cross to supplement the weekly ration provided by the Quartermaster Corps, she reported. Her supply

of games was running short because "the hospital population is so huge and shifts in location of patients so frequent."

Her recreation work was supplemented by many make shifts, such as moving a phonograph from ward to ward, and organizing a group of Filipino singers to visit the sick and wounded in the many wards. A skit "Mr. Tojo of Tokyo" was written and produced, and "the biggest entertainment of the last fortnight was the 'Bataan Revue' produced on President Roosevelt's birthday," she reported.

"This date served to revive me-

mories of many who had attended the Birthday Balls at home," Miss Nau wrote, "the show was given in the chapel clearing, and the audience numbered 200. Three patients made posters to advertise the show. Twenty people were in the show—six musical detachment enlisted men, six officers from the Medical Corps (including the hospital chaplain), three civilians, three patients and two Red Cross workers."

Miss Nau attended the University of Pittsburgh and Western Reserve University. She taught school in Japan two years, and afterwards worked in the United States in various executive positions in social service fields. She joined the Red Cross Military and Naval Welfare Service staff in April, 1941, and sailed for the Philippines in October, where she was assigned as a Red Cross worker to Sternberg General Hospital, Manila.



WHEN THE JAPS overran Java, Master Sgt. Harry M. Hayes—with no previous piloting experience—took the controls of a four-motored flying fortress and rescued 18 people from almost certain death. This reminded the War Department that Sergeant Hayes was awarded a Soldier's Medal for another act of bravery in 1938. At that time he saved three members of a bomber which crashed in the sea off Panama. This photo, taken in 1939, shows Maj. Gen. Barton K. Yount pinning the Soldier's Medal on Sergeant Hayes' chest.

—Air Force Photo.

## 'Petticoat Fever', Pine Camp Personnel Production, Success

PINE CAMP, N. Y.—"Petticoat Fever," a successful comedy-play produced by enlisted personnel of Pine Camp Military Reservation and now on a road tour of the Second Corps Area, has met with enthusiastic approval wherever played, according to word received here from members of the production's cast.

Men and officers of West Point

### Topkick Stripes for Corporal At Dix

FORT DIX, N. J.—Among recent changes at Hq. Det. 1st Bn. 168th Infantry, was the promotion of Cpl. William C. Jopling, to First Sergeant. Corporal Jopling has been acting topkick for some time during the absence of Sgt. Norman Miller, who has been attending officers candidate school, and who is now a second lieutenant.

First Sergeant Jopling was recalled to active service on January 19, having previously been honorably discharged November 28, 1941, in the regular category. In addition to his regular duties, Jopling is also sergeant major of the battalion.

Military Academy, Fort Jay, Fort Wadsworth, Camp Upton, and other Army camps and posts have all agreed that "Petticoat Fever" was one of the best shows they had seen since coming into the service.

Producer and director of the Pine Camp Work Shop, which is responsible for the production and success of "Petticoat Fever," is Charles Tyler Carpenter who also takes the role of Dascom Dinsmore, the lonely operator of a Labrador wireless station in the play. Pvt. "Chet" Cooper portrays the Englishman who has the misfortune to be marooned in the Labrador wilds. Pvt. "Gorry" Van Hee is cast as Captain Landry; Pfc. Walter Bombard as the Rev. Arthur Chapan; Pfc. Anthony LaPolla as "Scotty," and Pvt. Andrew Dennis as Kimo, an Eskimo. The female leads in "Petticoat Fever" are taken by the Misses Minolda Lange and Derby Rogers.

Stage settings for the play are the result of the work of Sgt. Phillip Johnson, stage manager for the production; and the technical direction of the play is under the supervision of Pfc. LaPolla, assisted by Pvt. Gustave Weiss.

### When Does a Mechanic Become a "Mickinick"?

DREW FIELD, TAMPA, Fla.—Pvt. William Duffy, clerk in the Motor Transport Department, spends some of his time chuckling over strange answers that appear in the motor school's examinations and the strange responses that are received when individuals request specific assignments.

One of the students gave as his answer to a certain question, that he would "insult his manual." Another student, probably a son of Erin, stated that he would like to be a "Mickinick." And a really ambitious chap in giving his occupations before entering the Army, said he had done "logging, millwork and rum-running, lots of it."

## Pop Byrd, Cook, in Harness Again

by Cpl. Anthony Naylor

FT. WARREN, Wyo.—Marshal Foch named the Croix de Guerre on him. He served under General Pershing in the Mexican Border campaign and the AEF, and now Pvt. Jennings Bryan Byrd, "Pop" to the soldiers of Company M, 5th QM Training Regiment, is in the harness once more looking for the boys in Uncle Sam's Army.

Pop enlisted in the Army 29 years ago, in the 10th FA, and was sent to the Mexican border under Captain Pershing to pursue the bandit, Villa. When the campaign was over, he was ordered to Honolulu, where he remained until the outbreak of the first World War. With the entry of the U. S. into the conflict, his unit was ordered to Europe, arriving at Glasgow, Scotland, in August, 1917, with no more than the usual number of sub scares.

living at Glasgow, Scotland, in August, 1917, with no more than the usual number of sub scares.

"I was a combination clerk and mess steward—when there was a kitchen," Pop recalls. If pressed, he will admit that a bit of chicanery was necessary at times to see that his men were fed, but fed they were. Pop is like that.

It was looking after one of his soldiers that won him the Croix de Guerre, "for conspicuous gallantry under great fire," in the Argonne forest. Despite two bayonet wounds sustained in a hand to hand battle, Pop managed to drag himself to a first aid station, carrying a badly cut-up comrade with him.

Byrd's array of decorations is an eloquent reminder of a service record any man would be proud to own. He has the Mexican Border medal, the World War Victory medal, the Croix de Guerre, and battle clasps for service in the Meuse-Argonne, St. Mihiel, Chateau-Thierry and Belleau Wood.

When he was demobilized, he joined the National Guard, cooking for the summer camps. He has also cooked in CCC camps, and assisted in the organization of a militia company in Illinois. After Pearl Harbor, Pop tried to enlist again, but they turned him down.

"Too old!" he snorted. "Since when is 48 too old?"

He got in, but it took special permission from the Secretary of War, who evidently agreed with him, to do the trick. Company M also agreed wholeheartedly. Their appreciation for the excellent chow dished up daily by their beaming, rotund cook was summed up recently by one of the trainees.

"He's the best cook in the whole Army," he declared. "And you can quote the whole company on it." As for Pop, wrestling with pots,

pans and KP's with equal enthusiasm, he says that as soon as this war's over he'll return to his wife and family in Sparta, Ill., like an old war horse turned out to pasture.

### Lawyers Offer Help At Army Aid Clinic

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—Perhaps the influence of spring but the archives of Camp Stewart's Legal Aid Clinic are beginning to look like Dorothy Dix's reference book.

More than a fourth of the twenty-five soldiers who have sought opinion from the legal information bureau have been concerned with different phases of the marriage problem. Pvt. Murray Greenbaum, "chief justice" of the clinic, declares. Difficult dilemmas and queries concerning legality of remarriage seem most perplexing to Stewart enlisted men.

The clinic, which is about a month old, and believed to be the only one of its kind east of the Mississippi, was established to furnish free legal service to soldiers. Approximately 15 enlisted men, all lawyers before their induction, sit at the clinic meetings.

## Private of World War I. Commands Ft. Riley MP's

Col. William H. Maglin, Infantry, has been named commanding officer of the Army's newly-established Military Police Replacement Training Center at Fort Riley, Kans. Colonel Maglin was formerly Provost Marshal of the Army Ground Forces.

Soldiers assigned to this new center are now arriving and the full complement of officers, cadre non-commissioned officers, and men will be reached by Colonel Maglin's command by May 1, when training courses of thirteen weeks will begin.

The policy of the center, according to Colonel Maglin, will be to produce Military Police completely trained in all phases of their work. "The M. P. today," said Colonel Maglin, "has as his primary responsibility the welfare of the American soldier. His job is to help the man in uniform in every way he can. He is courteous, sincere, capable, proud of the Army and the organization of which he is a part."

On completion of basic training courses at Fort Riley, the men will be assigned for further study and training, according to their qualifications, to Tactical Military Police; Post, Camp and Station Military Police; or to Zone of Interior Military Police.

Colonel Maglin enlisted in the Army as a private the day after the World War was declared, and received his appointment as cadet to the Military Academy the day after the Armistice was signed. Since then he has served as Provost Marshal at Plattsburg Barracks, New York; Honolulu; West Point, N. Y.; Governors Island, N. Y.; with the Second Division at San Antonio, Tex., and at Army General Headquarters in Washington, D. C., before its reorganization.

He was light-weight boxing champion of the United States Military Academy for four years and taught boxing at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and at the University of Maryland.

### PRIZE MONEY

## \$5 Gift Buys Fruit for Gang

FARC, FORT BRAGG, N. C.—A five-dollar prize contributed by an anonymous soldier for a Sunday night variety show at the Field Artillery Replacement Center service club went one step farther in its philanthropic way, it was announced by Miss Elizabeth Scarborough, senior hostess.

The money was offered by an FARC soldier a week earlier. The donor said that he had enjoyed the Sunday night shows so much that he wanted to do something for them. Having no talent himself, he said, he would like to contribute five dollars for the best performance in the next Sunday show.

The prize was won by Pvt. Edward J. Walsh, of Battery A, Sixth Battalion, who sang "MacNamara's Band." He dedicated the song to his buddy, who had been injured and was being treated in one of the camp hospitals.

When he was presented with the prize money, he returned it to Miss Scarborough with the request that she buy "the biggest basket of fruit you can find and send it to my buddy." Miss Scarborough reports that five dollars bought enough fruit to feed half a platoon.

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## Watch Lost in Spain Turns Up Again

CAMP LEE, Va.—Time caught up with Pvt. Joseph Hecht of the 7th Medical Training Battalion this week in a stranger-than-fiction story whose origin goes back four years to a war-gutted castle in central Spain.

Once a country estate belonging to the sister of the Spanish King, Villa-Paz, near Madrid, in April, 1938, was being used as a

base hospital by the American hospitals in Spain. One of the American volunteers serving there was Surgical Nurse Edythe M. Dyer.

Hecht, who had left his home in Brooklyn to aid the Loyalist cause, was fighting with the International Brigade. Then a lieutenant, he was leading his men in a series of desperate rear-guard actions following the great Fascist breakthrough which split Spain into two parts. Somewhere in the vicinity of Villa-Paz, where he had previously been administrator for the American Hospitals, he lost his watch.

This week an unexpected letter arrived from Mather Field, Calif. with the return address of Edythe M. Dyer, Army Nurse Corps. "Dear Joe," it began, "By chance I picked up an Army Times dated March 7, and there was an article on you and Spain. I've often wondered how many of the old gang have been called in and where they are."

"The reason for this note is a Waltham wrist-watch I picked up during the evacuation (of Villa-Paz) on the back of which is inscribed 'From Archie and Gordon to Joe.' I still have the watch just as I found it—dirty—not running, but I am sure it can easily be repaired . . ."

It's his watch, all right, says Hecht, who is now ready to believe that anything can happen in this small world.

## Leavenworth Leavin's

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — Fifteen minutes after Pvt. Milfred Mower, of Omaha, Neb. appeared with a private first class stripe on his sleeves he encountered trouble from a curious rookie at the reception center. "That means I'm a PFC," Private Mower explained when asked the meaning of the single stripe.

"On, I see," replied the rookie. "You're a personal friend of the captain."

### Same as Noncoms

The Army's new system of ratings has been initiated at the reception center with the appointment of 30 4th grade technicians and 45 5th grade technicians. The "technicians" are noncommissioned officers and receive the same pay as corporals and sergeants.

### Tonsorial Tomfoolery

Before leaving the reception center for basic training camps all newly inducted men are given regulation haircuts. Among the new men yesterday was Pvt. Thomas Quinn. "I've seen a lot of haircuts in my life," Private Quinn declared, "but these G. I. jobs are sheer nonsense."

### Quiz Wacky

If you want to play safe, don't ever mention questionnaires or radio quiz programs to Sgt. Joseph Dollinar, of Kansas City, Mo., a drill sergeant at the reception center. It isn't the \$64 questions that bother him but it's those \$21 questions. He means, of course, the rookies whose questions never end.

## Rapid Rise

GOODFELLOW FIELD, Tex.—Pfc. Joseph G. Pfluger knew all the while he was a good soldier, but he hardly expected such a rapid promotion.

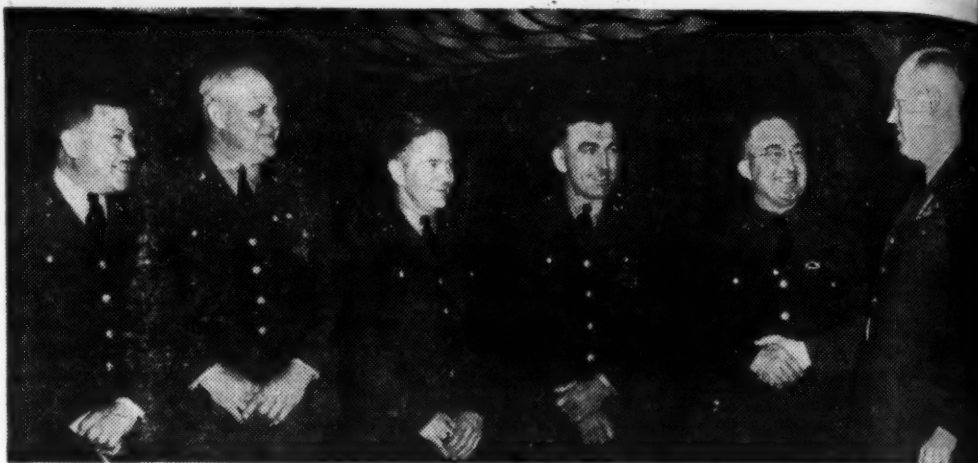
But there it was, in black and white on the warrant, "from private first class to the rank of colonel."

Before he pinned on the silver eagles and stalked off to put the sarge in his proper place, the typographical error was rectified. The promotion was to corporal.



LOADED for bear is Pvt. Steve Edstrom, coming out of a smokescreen laid down by soldiers of the 43rd Division during a demonstration in Mobile, Ala.

—43rd Div. Photo (Jack Szelka).



COL. Stuart A. Baxter, commanding the 148th Infantry, a unit of the 37th Division, congratulates a group of enlisted men who have served in the 148th for more than 20 years. Left to right: Master Sgt. Elmer J. Hyter, Sgt. William J. Polly, Sgt. Charles A. Shondel, Sgt. Roy J. Borland, Master Sgt. Lewis Bailey. Sergeant Polly was formerly a captain in command of the company he now serves as mess sergeant.

## THIS IS YOUR ARMY

### Civilian Restrictions

In time of war many statutes which affect the War Department and military personnel generally are suspended, and a failure to realize that such suspensions are in effect is likely to be confusing not only to the civilian population but to military personnel as well.

One of the effects of a state of war is to suspend the statute under which, in peace time, the benefits of the United States Employees' Compensation Act are extended to

members of the Officers' Reserve Corps or of the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army, "who are physically injured in line of duty while on active duty, or traveling to or from such duty, or training without pay, or dying as a result of such physical injury." In time of war, for obvious reasons, no such benefits can be paid to reservists on active duty.

Another provision which goes by the board in war time is the one limiting tours of duty on foreign service to two years, and still another is the limitation of the period for which reserve officers may be kept on duty without their own consent. The limitation as to the employment of National Guard personnel in federal service, without the consent of such personnel, also is suspended during a state of war.

A state of war materially affects the administration of military law, especially as to the limitations on punishments which may be inflicted and the jurisdiction which may be exercised by courts martial. In time of peace the trial of a deserter is limited by the statute of limitations, but there is no limitation on trial for desertion in time of war, so that a man who deserts in time of war faces the possibility of passing the remainder of his life as a fugitive, subject to apprehension and trial for a capital offense. He is little better off than a fugitive murderer.

### Punishment for Murder

In time of peace the approval of the President is required before a death sentence imposed by a court martial can be executed. In time of war, only the approval of the highest commander in the particular military jurisdiction in which the trial is held is required. The two crimes most likely to warrant capital punishment—murder and rape—may not be tried by courts martial within the continental United States or the District of Columbia in peace time. In war time they are triable by courts martial, and where committed in a theater of operations of an Army are more likely than not to be punished by death.

In time of war or in a national emergency the President is empow-

ered to suspend certain provisions of law relating to wages and hours of laborers and mechanics engaged in production essential to the national defense, and he also is empowered to make such regulations for the use of certain defense materials as may be required by the situation confronting the nation.

Certain legal provisions, presently enacted for the preservation of primeval beauty, become inoperative when the nation is at war. One of these provisions is that public lands shall not be spent on sites purchased for military use until consent of the state in which such lands lie is obtained and the title to the property is approved by the Attorney General of the United States. This statute was in line with the time-honored public attitude toward national defense.

The terrain best suited for military training purposes usually located in the sparsely populated more or less undeveloped sections of the several states and the lands were either parts of state park reservations or capable of being included in such reservations. National lovers were concerned lest the loss of such areas for purposes of military training might detract from the "wilderness" effect they sought to promote, so the War Department freedom of action on acquiring training sites was limited by statute. In war there is no more limitation on the authority of the Army to occupy terrain necessary to its mission in defending the nation than there would be on the forces of an invading army—who would be unlikely to concern himself with acquiring deed or title to any ground required for his activities.

### Naturalists Suffer

Incidentally in war time the requirements of national defense, particularly of the Panama Canal link in that defense—have priority over the requirements of naturalists and anthropologists. Barro Colorado Island, in Gatun Lake, Canal Zone, has been considered a scientific paradise for many years, and a law was passed providing that in time of peace the natural features of the island should be left undisturbed.

## Army Archaeologist Digs Up Ft. Laramie

By Corp. Walter Fishman

CAMP GRANT, Ill.—If an archaeologist should decide to dig up the site of Camp Grant, say in the year 2041 or even at a more distant date, what would he find? Predictions aren't safe, but it's a pretty fair bet that some of the objects uncovered by curious spades would tally with the discoveries of Pvt. George H. Smith, who a year ago directed the archaeological excavation of that fighting citadel of the old West, Fort Laramie, Wyo.

In all the loss of the westward moving frontier, the name of Fort Laramie always has occupied a key spot. Originally established as a military post to protect the Oregon Trail—which was the northern counterpart of the famous Santa Fe route—Fort Laramie was the stopping-off place for many a colorful character, including Kit Carson, Jim Bridges, Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickok and W. J. "Broken Hand" Fitzpatrick.

So famous did this two-story building become as a result of the exploits of its apparently wild and woolly occupants that it even inspired a novel, entitled "Old Bedlam," published in the '90's. The author was Capt. Charles King, a cavalry officer of the day, "Old Bedlam" still stands today, according to Smith.

Smith's historical research revealed that the garrison at Laramie did an effective job of protecting settlers from marauding Redskins. Laramie was the last outpost of civilization between the West and the Pacific coast. It was a jumping-off place for the covered wagon caravans. The military protection provided by the fort must have achieved the desired result since most of the recorded deaths on the trail were from disease, Smith stated.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1929, Smith has been engaged in archaeological field work with the university, the State Historical Society of Minnesota and the National Park Service under the Department of Interior. The Laramie excavation was carried out under the latter organization.

### Double or Nothing

FARC, FORT BRAGG, N. C. — Private John R. Dessez, of the Field Artillery Replacement Center, submits this quiz contest:

1. Why don't they equip soldiers with extra pairs of arms for gas mask drill?
2. Who puts white lead in the mess hall biscuits?
3. Who ever called G. I. raincoats waterproof?
4. Who invited North Carolina mud?
5. Who ever thought a soldier had spare time?

Anyone wishing to enter this contest must follow these simple rules: Tear the top off an old sergeant and write in your name and address, together with the correct answers.



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## Oddities On The Home Front

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones Eugene Meyer, Washington publisher, engaged in a cafe scuffle, a rival newspaper made the impish observation the altercation over an editorial added ten years to Meyer's. For the next day the Washington POST's first edition came with "1952" on the masthead.

BOSTON, Mass.—Showing more teeth than a newly-minted Jap corporal, Charles Donahue was rejected by Naval recruiting doctors who said he had four too many teeth. He was back a day later with the four above par molars in his pocket.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Lew Ayres' last picture, "Born To Be Bad," is being remade with John Howard in the lead. What they're doing Ayres isn't Kildare.

EL PASO, Tex.—A theatre manager wondered why Ft. Bliss aviators stayed away from his house in such droves. His marquee ballyhooed the double feature, "The Fleet's In," and "Call The Marines."

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Clark Griffith, prexy of the Washington Senators, announced that his ball park will make an ideal bomb-proof shelter. Sardonic sportswriters figure the Senators will spend most of the season in the cellar, anyway.

TWIN FALLS, Utah—Ben Franklin himself couldn't convince a cash stand operator that lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place. Burglars carried off beer, cigarettes, coin machine machine and pieces of cherry pie. A week later the pilfer was exactly duplicated.

PORTLAND, Oreg.—In another crime communique, an ex-convict notified police of the theft of his auto. Police recovered the machine and invited him to interview the thief, who turned out to be an old pal.

## Murphys Versus Hitler; Whole Family Joins Up

The Murphys are on the warpath—and no fooling. Every member of the Murphy family is out to do its bit in this man's war.

Mother Murphy is going to join her men-folk, who are already in the Army, as a nurse, and is closing her home in Staten Island, N. Y., for the duration.

Thomas Murphy, 22, has been in the Army Air Force for the past year. John Murphy, 23, the other son, is to be inducted soon, and Daniel Murphy, 43, the father, has enlisted and is at Camp Upton. Before joining up, Mother Murphy lovingly tucked away the uniform that Dan Murphy had worn in France during the First World War. He had helped the Hunns before, and he was determined to do it again.

When Mother Murphy takes the ship to war she will appropriately through take Victory Boulevard in Staten Island. Crossing the bay, she will pass Bedloe's Island, where she was stationed as a nurse in the last war.

War brought romance to the Murphys. The first time she saw Dan, he was in uniform. They were married soon after, and she was in the crowd that saw him march away when his outfit was called to France. Now he goes again as a soldier. Dan Murphy had three brothers in the last war besides himself.

### Chess Tournament On

A chess tournament is in progress at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N. Y. Some 15 chess enthusiasts have entered.

## Corporal's Mural at Meade Kids Soldiers (In a Nice Way, Though)

By Sgt. Grant Anderson

FORT MEADE, Md.—One of the better artists in Uncle Sam's armed forces is Cpl. Clarence McWilliams, Headquarters Company, 29th Division, who is spending his spare moments painting a mural in the noncom officers' club of his regiment here.

Painting murals is relaxation for the 24-year-old Pittsburgh artist. His regular duties consist of sign painting and working as supply clerk in his company warehouse.

McWilliams also contributes cartoons to the station newspaper, The Fort Meade Post, a newcomer which has recently absorbed The Chin

Strap, which was published in the interest of the 29th Division. "The Bewildered KP" is an example of his work.

While in Pittsburgh, McWilliams



McWILLIAMS' slap-happy soldiers "just grew."

—Photo by St. Sgt. A. C. Rosner, Jr.

exhibited his oil and water color paintings at the Carnegie Institute and in 1939 gave up his work as a commercial artist to take a trip to Mexico to paint and draw.

The mural is "rather light," McWilliams said. "I just started out to do a rough chalk drawing to fill up space. Then I got interested and started kidding some of the boys. They would come in an suggest something, and it just grew."

Each of the murals is about 13 by 5 feet. When painting, McWilliams first sketches his ideas in gray chalk and then fills in with pastels. One of the sections depicts the work of the soldiers in the field during maneuvers. Three signal company men are shown having difficulties with tangled wires of a field telephone, while an innocent-looking carrier pigeon brings in a message using one of the soldier's helmets as a landing field.

Nearby a mural shows an indiscreet master sergeant from the ordnance company inspecting a mortar by looking down the barrel. Secretive-looking men from G-2 are pictured flat on their stomachs peering from behind a tree, one is writing rapidly while a third looks through a magnifying glass like fiction's Sherlock Holmes.

Another section illustrates the division public relations officer sleeping at a crowded desk while a sober owl looks on the scene. The final panel lampoons the military police.

## He Came Back

SEATTLE, Wash.—The first American to enlist in the Royal Canadian Air Force also was among the first to come back and fight under his own flag.

Just a week after the American-Canadian transfer agreement was reached, L. H. Witherspoon was commissioned in the U. S. Naval Air Force without loss of rank.

The husky Texan, who claimed the distinction of being the first American to enlist in the RCAF, left his Canadian post of flight lieutenant and received his lieutenantancy in the Navy.

## Air Force Safest, Cavalry Found Worst (But That Was 'Way Back Before the Fracas Started, Fellas)

In peacetime at least the Air Force appears to be one of the safest places in the Army—even the Quartermaster Corps is more dangerous, according to the annual report of the Army Surgeon General for the fiscal year July 1, 1940, to June 30, 1941.

A table listing the incidence of broken bones, for example, shows the greatest number in the cavalry, with the artillery, Quartermaster Corps, Engineer Corps, Infantry and Air Force following in that order.

For all of Uncle Sam's soldiers during the fiscal year the doctor's bill was \$73,138,251.85, a medical bill which held the Army death rate to only 2.8 per 1,000 strength, the lowest in history, excluding battle casualties.

Soldiers treated in hospitals by military medical personnel, how-

ever, increased from an average daily low of 4,753, in 1939 to 8,300 in 1940, an increase of 75 per cent. Despite two influenza epidemics, incidence of pneumonia among 19,609 influenza cases was only .3 per cent.

### Protect Soldiers' Health

One result of the shift from a peace to wartime basis was the organization of a subdivision of "Medical Intelligence and Tropical Medicine."

This unit is prepared for protection of soldiers' health at stations outside the United States. Surveys in such territory, the report states,

have been made or are being made and the data filed for future use. The report praises the Medical Corps Reserve, "without which medical service rendered during the year would have been impossible."

In 1940 the Medical Department initiated a concentrated program of venereal disease control which produced favorable results.

As in the past, automobile accidents continued to be the prime cause of death in the Army during the period, with air transport accidents second. Railroad accidents accounted for the fewest fatalities and tuberculosis, a minor factor now, was next to last on the list.

### Not Many Hangovers

The report showed alcoholism to be a relatively minor health factor with fewer cases admitted during 1940 for treatment than at any time since 1916. About that time the report shows that alcohol addiction in-

creased from practically nonexistence to a fairly high rate in 1923 and remained rather constant during the next ten years. In 1933, a decline set in and continued to the 1940 low of about 2.7 per 1,000 strength.

Medical Department problems of mobilization were emphasized by a statement in the report of the large numbers of enlisted men who must be trained as technicians.

For an Army of 1,800,000, the report said, about 23,000 qualified dental, veterinary, sanitary, medical, surgical, pharmacy, laboratory and X-ray technicians are required. In addition, some 35,000 administrative specialists are necessary. Facilities existing at the time the report was prepared were sufficient to train 18,000 enlisted technicians in three-month courses.

### Little Guys—Slanty Eyes

"Those Little Guys with the Slanty Eyes" is the intriguing way a new song written by Pvt. Ralph Zaldin of Fort Hamilton begins.

## Young New England Woman Writes New Battle Anthem

CAMP SHELBY, Miss.—An American battle anthem has been written by a young woman in New England and dedicated to the 43rd Infantry Division "wherever it carries Old Glory."

The poem was written by Miss Grace H. Loomis, of Windsor, Conn., and is entitled "Join the World Crusade." According to present plans, the poem is to be set to music and published.

The anthem is as follows:  
Join the World Crusade  
Come all ye loyal fighting men  
And join the World Crusade.  
The toils of war are loosed again,  
The sword, a blood-red blade.  
Ye have fought to save Democracy  
And the freedom of the seas,  
But now ye fight to hold the right  
To live just as ye please.

Four-square to save the Universe  
The United Nations stand:

We're for freedom, peace and justice,  
And we're working hand in hand.  
We will face the foe on every front  
Anywhere beneath the sun,  
And we'll hold our lines together  
Till Victory is won.

We will chase the Axis off the earth,  
Off the air and off the sea,  
Till they sign the full surrender  
And the World is really free.  
Let their broken swords be cast away  
Far beyond the sight of men  
And bring the captive Nations home  
When Peace is won again.

Rise up, rise up, America,  
Fling the challenge far and wide!  
Raise the flags of Truth and Liberty,  
The United Nations' pride.  
Fight to save our chosen way of life,  
And to set the whole World free.  
And the God we trust will lead us  
Through  
To glorious Victory.



THE new insignia to be worn by Army Air Force personnel everywhere is shown above. Background is ultramarine, stars white with red disk, wings are gold.



# They Have Bataan, But We'll Be Back

The epic that is now Bataan really began to unfold on July 26, 1941. On that date, war-clouds in the Pacific caused President Roosevelt to invoke the authority granted by the Philippine Independence Act of 1934: he called the military forces of the islands into United States service for the duration of the emergency. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, then Field Marshal of the Philippines, was recalled to active duty and made Commanding General of United States Forces in the Far East.

Immediately after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, the Japanese made their most determined initial push in the Far

East on the Philippines. They were met with stiff resistance on the part of MacArthur's loyal Philippine and American troops. Hong Kong fell with surprising ease, Singapore and the Netherlands Indies followed. But the invaders were out-generaled and out-maneuvered by the brilliant MacArthur. They were held up and thrown back time after time by a valiant force they out-

Shielded by overpowering air and naval support, the Japs made their first landings in the Philippines on Dec. 10. Eighty Jap ships carrying 80,000 to 100,000 troops were seen in Lingayan Gulf on Dec. 22, and other landings were made south of Manila.

## Japs Bomb 'Open City'

Manila was declared an "open city" to save it from bombardment and our troops withdrew. Nevertheless, on Dec. 28th, Japanese planes came over and bombed it, causing great destruction and many deaths among the civilian population. Manila fell on the first day of the new year.

By skillful maneuvering, MacArthur thwarted the enemy's efforts to trap him before he could reorganize the separate forces that had been fighting north and south of the city, and led his men into the natural fortress of Bataan Peninsula. This move had been planned for years. At the same time, he held Corregidor and the three other island fortresses strung between the China Sea and Manila Bay, and denied full use of the harbor to the Japanese.

Forced into a slow retreat southward along Bataan, MacArthur fought the enemy to a standstill throughout January and February, despite their superior numbers and equipment. The Jap supply lines were maintained nearly intact, and they brought in much equipment and reinforcements. On the other hand, American forces were "on their own." Out of every three supply ships sent to them, two were sunk. On Jan. 11 the Americans went on half-rations; they were on half-rations to the end.

MacArthur's artillery wrought havoc among the Jap land forces. The 12 and 14-inch guns of Corregidor and the tiny U. S. air force destroyed enemy shipping in Manila Bay. Enemy transports and supply ships were sunk even in Subic Bay.



**CAPT. Art "One-Man Army" Wermuth**, who was credited with the annihilation of at least 116 Japs during the siege of Bataan.

and a number of bombers were brought down.

## Jap General a Suicide

Against overwhelming odds, the Americans took the initiative in a counterattack and drove the Japanese back five miles at some points of the line. It was then that Gen. Masaharu Homma committed hara-kiri in chagrin, and was replaced by Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, conqueror of Singapore.

Ordered by the President in February to leave for Australia, MacArthur slipped out on March 17. On arrival down under, he said:

"I came through and I shall return."

Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright succeeded to command of the Filipino-American forces. Almost immediately, General Yamashita demanded his surrender. He received no answer. After a lull in the fighting for nearly a month, there were ominous signs that the Japanese were marshalling overwhelming forces in tanks, artillery, planes and troops.

On March 28 the enemy broke the Bataan line after many assaults, but it was restored until April 5, when the Japs made gains and extended them the next day. That was Monday. Tuesday night the defenders withdrew to new positions and the foe began the heaviest attacks of the campaign. The Filipino-American left flank was beaten back as physically exhausted men found themselves unable to hold their positions against fresh shock troops, planes and tanks and artillery.

Then the War Department announced that the defenses were "probably overcome." It was the end of the Bataan epic.

## BITS OF BLISS

By Technician Oscar Williams  
Post S-2

Sgt. Bertram Beagle of Co. B, 746th Military Police Bn., is in the right outfit—he's a former walking champion.

Sgt. Beagle has participated in Olympic tryouts, and performed in moving pictures with his periodic "heel and toe" type walking.

He is proudest of the record set at Cottage Grove, Ore., in 1926 when he walked 120 yards around the bases of a ball diamond in 21.23 seconds.

Today at 50 years, he claims to be able to walk 120 yards in 26 seconds.

## CRYSTAL GAZER

Tech. 4th Gr. Grattan English, Detachment 7th Signal, has figured out that he can predict his own future assignments.

When he was in Fort Monmouth, N. J., he bought a mouth organ and liked to play "I Wanna Go Back to Texas" (although not a native Texan). He was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

There he had a cartoon published in the camp newspaper, a cartoon in which one Armored Corps private says to another: "I saw a horse today."

At present Tech. English is stationed at Fort Bliss, the largest Cavalry Post in the nation.

## KNOT WELL TIED

"I'm lucky," was the conclusion of Sgt. Signey E. Smith, 7th Cavalry, one of seven Fort Bliss soldiers married in mass Easter Sunday ceremonies at the Army Y. M. C. A. in El Paso.

Sgt. Smith was married to Miss Valeria Gray, whom he had been planning to wed for a year. Five chaplains officiated at the ceremonies.

Afterward the seven couples were given rides in jeeps marked "Just Married," and taken to the White Sands National Monument in New Mexico for photographing by a representative of Life Magazine.

## ROOMS FOR WIVES

A new unit of the United Service Organizations in El Paso, the woman's unit operated by the Y. W. C. A., has located rooms or apartments for the wives of men in the service at the rate of 75 or 100 a month. Mrs. Orpha C. Haymond, director of the unit, said:

## "YER OUT!"

Schrewball, not softball, was the applicable designation when two teams of the 1st Signal Troop played a game last week.

The second baseman on one team scooped up a grounder, and allowed the runner from first to get by. The completely bum-fuzzed, he dashed over and tagged his own shortstop.

## LEGION HEAD SERVES

The former State Adjutant for the American Legion in Texas now commands a Military Police battalion at Fort Bliss.

Lt. Col. C. W. Scruggs, New Braunfels, Tex., publisher, is the officer. He was transferred here recently from duty as executive officer for the 133rd Field Artillery at Camp Bowie, Texas.

He served overseas in World War I, and has been active in the Texas National Guard and the American Legion.

Grace Moore, famed operatic singer, had an unusual back-drop for her appearance in Liberty Hall at El Paso.

Behind her sat 162 soldiers in olive drab, who had received special invitations to hear Miss Moore.

Twice the songstress turned her back on the audience and sang selections for the soldier guests.

## 'HANG ON', LT.

Pvt. Reynolds Derr of the Veterinary Troop, 1st Medical Squadron, was called by the draft before his commission as lieutenant in the Veterinary Corps arrived.

Buddies in his organization advised him to "just hang on."

## BARS FOR EXPERT

A sergeant whose entire period of service in the Army—23 years—has been spent on motors, will continue serving the country in that specialty but with the addition of bars.

Master Sgt. Clarence Lacey of the 16th Quartermaster Squadron has been commissioned second lieutenant in the Army of the United States and ordered to duty at the Quartermaster Replacement Training Center at Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyo.

When Sgt. Lacey joined the Army in 1919 at the age of 16 he entered a motors outfit at Camp Normoyia, San Antonio, Texas.

of the envelopes. Now all he had to do was write the letters.

Private Reynolds is now busy nights with a razor blade and damp cloth. He thinks the best thing to do is send the stamps that he salvages to his girl, along with a bottle of glue.

## Bataan Is Worst Blow To an American Army

The final battle of Bataan appears likely to be recorded as numerically the heaviest reversal ever suffered by an American force in a single engagement with a foreign foe.

Qualified military historians said no American force as large as the 36,853 effective last reported to be still fighting the Japanese had been destroyed in a single battle of any of the nation's foreign wars beginning with the American Revolution.

Losses of General John J. Pershing's victorious American Expeditionary Force were heavier in killed and wounded in the final 1918 Meuse-Argonne offensive, but this was a campaign extended over some four months. Heavier losses also were suffered in the Civil War, but not against a foreign foe.

The Philippine area overrun by the Japanese also represents virtually the only major territory wrested from the United States in war.



**LATEST ESTIMATES** put Japanese losses on Bataan alone at 20,000 killed. Here are two of them.

—Signal Corps Photos

## MAN ON HORSEBACK

# Says Tanks Cannot Replace Horses'

By Cpl. Lavis Rives Connelly, Co. C, 51st Inf. Tng. Bn.

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex.—Man on horseback has ridden through the military history of the world and it is doubtful if any mechanized device will entirely replace this, his chief ally in the present war.

Wherever men are training for defense the horse is there gallantly doing his bit for mankind as he has done throughout the ages.

Dispatches indicate that the Russians, with cavalry, in narrow, rough roads, made circuitous attacks and put German tanks out of commission. This is considered largely responsible for the defeat of Hitler's forces in Russia. Hitler had dispensed with horses and depended entirely on his mechanized army.

Military experts are urging that we do not make the mistake of the Huns, but always retain and preserve some cavalry, which is indispensable with safety to the nation.

## Horse Early in War

Mounted men, like the wild horse-men of the steppes, have always had great advantage in war, as they extended their forays into western Europe, while Mongolians and other tribes swept eastward into China, compelling the Chinese to erect the Great Wall on their northern border. The wild Kassites introduced the horse into Babylonian warfare two thousand years before our era. After that, use of the horse can be traced to Egypt, Greece, Rome and other nations. Frankish kings disposed of church treasures that they might send horsemen to meet the Saracens.

The horse was used in every case as a military expedient, enabling settled inhabitants to contend with

them. Mounted, the scope of the Indian was enlarged and he became a more formidable foe. Cortez brought beautiful Arabs and other strong, swift mounts which multiplied on the plains. He created a new problem for the white man.

Warriors of the prairie exhibited themselves to best advantage when mounted. That the Indian was master of horsemanship is shown by rodeo exhibitions that imitate his style, men throwing themselves entirely upon one side of the horse and discharging arrows with great rapidity toward the opposite side from beneath the animal's neck, while at full speed.

## They Helped Pioneers

Unquestionably the horse was among agencies which enabled pioneers to conquer the frontier of Texas. It has been said that neither steam nor electricity brought greater revolution in the ways of civilized life than the horse in the savage ways of the plains.

No narration of the conquerors or great military figures of the world can ever disassociate General Robert Lee from his great-hearted horse, Traveller, nor Alexander the Great from his magnificent charger, Bucephalus. Even Genghis Khan, realizing the power which the horse gave him in acknowledging himself master of the world, declared that the master of Genghis Khan was his horse.

The various kings of England, from King John to King Henry VIII, fostered the breeding of horses. Especially the great or black horse, descended from the Shire, which was valued for its ability to carry the

enormous weight of armored knights. Sir Gallahad, who carved the casques of men as he rode forth to find the Holy Grail, and the beautiful but mysterious White Knight of the same well known round table of King Arthur, rode spirited steeds. The latter tossed a rose as he passed, doing what good he could and saying, "I may not pass this way again."

## Look Ahead But Not Too Far

CAMP BLANDING, Fla.—The news that soldiers could send letters to best girls, mothers, pals and anyone else they wanted to, without paying the three cents for postage, made most of the men at Camp Blanding happy. There was one private in the 17th Field Artillery Regiment who was just a little less happy about it than the rest of the soldiers.

It all happened on payday. Robert N. Reynolds was determined that the end of the month would not find him short of stamps again, so as soon as he was paid, he headed for the post office and bought a book of 24 for 73 cents.

But he still was not satisfied. He went to the PX and bought a stock of writing paper and envelopes. He brought them back to his tent and carefully addressed nearly all of them, half to his girl and half to his mother. And then, just to make sure, he licked the stamps and put them in their places in the corner



## Local Boy Makes Good

# Marshall Davis, Former Army Times Artist, Finally Hits Big-Time With Book on the Service



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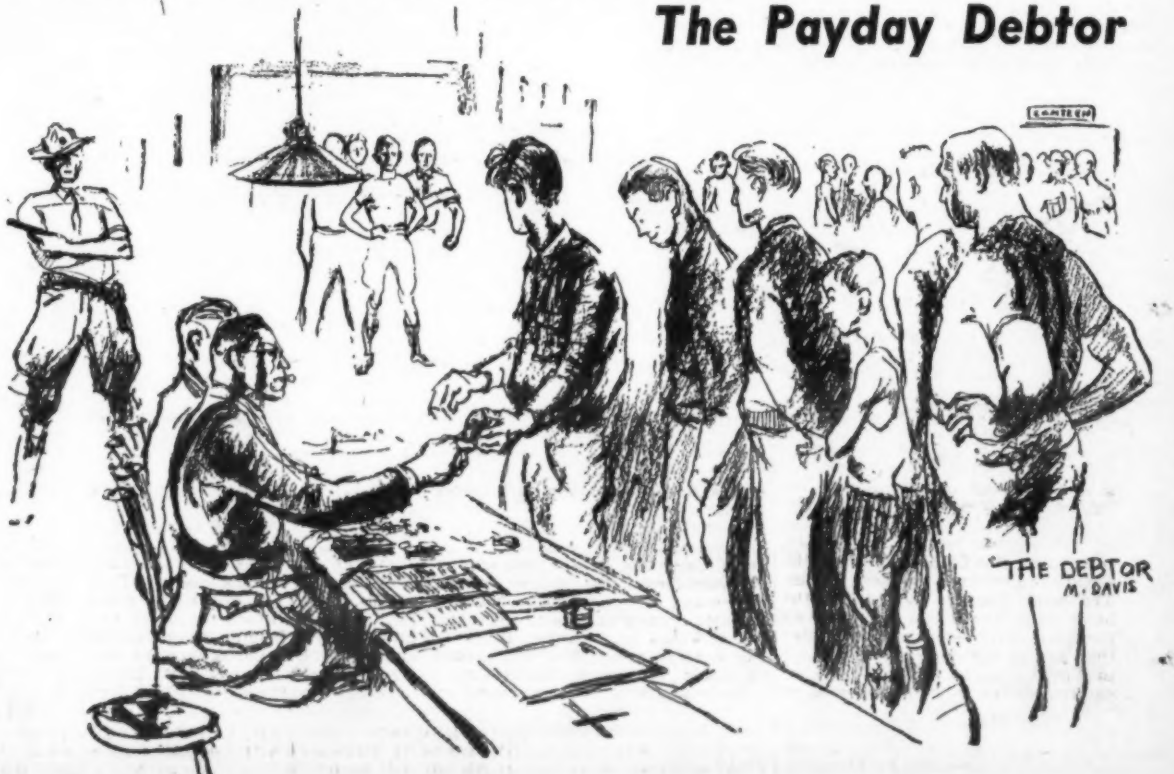
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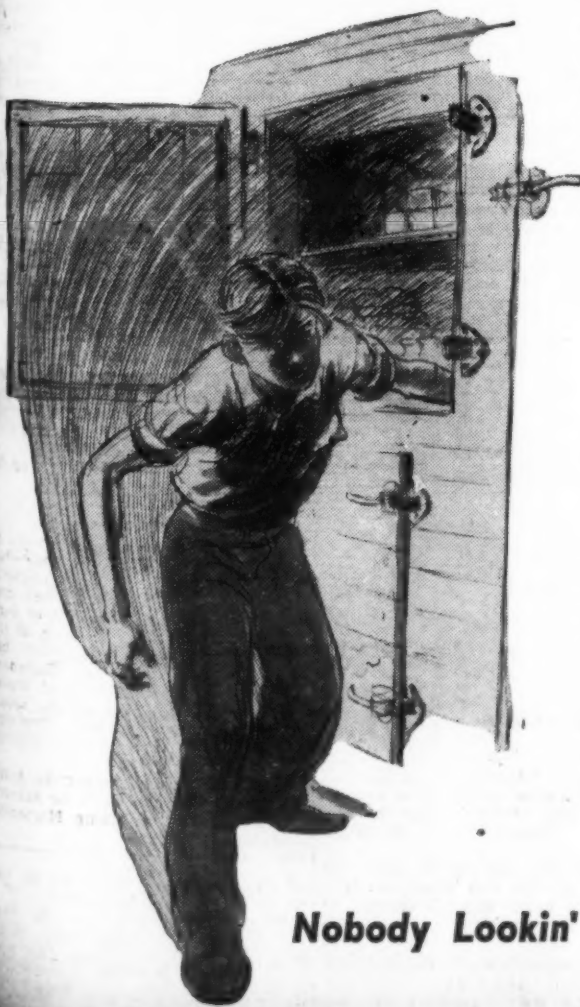
## About Jeff Davis:

If you've been reading Army Times for a year or more, you must have seen some of the pictures he's drawn for us. If you saw last week's issue of "Life," you know he's finally found his place as a topflight Army artist. The two-page spread "Life" gave him last week was a preview of the book he has done for Doubleday Doran, which will be published this summer. Davis has never been in the Army, but he's seen a lot of khaki. Now 32, Jeff Davis began sketching the CCC when that outfit began work in 1933. Some of his best early efforts found a market with Happy Days, national CCC weekly, and for a long time he was a staff artist for that paper. When the Army got growing pains in the summer of 1940, Davis went to work for Army Times. Given a roving commission, he went about the country recording in pen and ink his impressions of the Army as it prepared for a long-pants job. Between assignments, he illustrated stories for many national magazines, and thought about a book he was going to write and draw some day. This summer that dream will come true. Because Army Times feels just as happy about it as Jeff Davis does, we reproduce here some of our favorite Davis' drawings.

## The Payday Debtor



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M. DAVIS



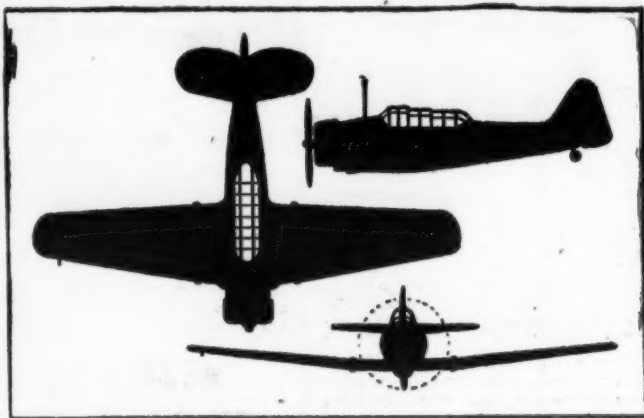
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### How to Tell

## The Army's Planes

### AT-6A Trainer

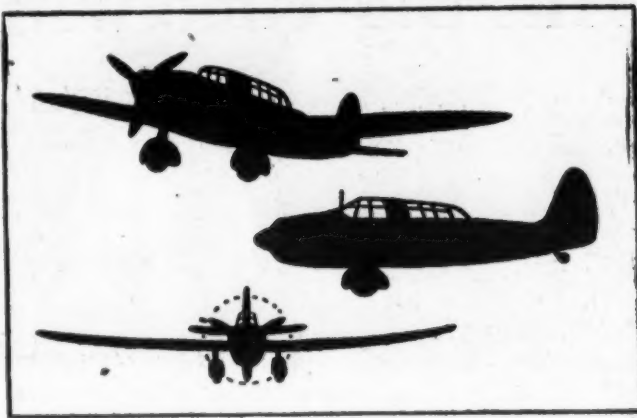


THIS is the Army's latest word in advanced combat trainer design. The AT-6A is a two-place low-wing monoplane. The Navy uses the same basic design, under the classification SNJ-3, as an advanced scout

### How to Tell

## The Enemy's Planes

### Jap '97' Light Bomber



LITTLE is known of the performance of Japan's '97' type Kawasaki light bomber. It seems to be no bigger than our AT-6A (shown at left), which has a wingspan of 42 feet 8 1/4 inches, and weighs 5248 pounds.

### YOUR ENEMY'S WEAPONS

## U. S. Releases Facts on Some Axis Planes

Reports Coming in from Intelligence Units Actually in the Fight Contain Much Information That's Going to Be Useful to Every Soldier Now in Training. Army Times Will Publish This Information as It's Received.

Descriptions and available performance figures of more than 50 types of combat aircraft now in use by Japan, Germany and Italy were made available to the people of the United Nations this week by the British Air Ministry and the United States Army Air Forces.

Of the 31 Japanese combat types listed, nine are Army and Navy fighter planes whose chief characteristics include comparative lightness in weight and engines of comparatively low horsepower. Protective armor for personnel is lacking in almost every case and armament consists generally of 7.7 mm. machine guns—approximately the same as the American and British .30 caliber. The occasional use of 20-mm. cannon is noted. A more recent type is armed with four machine guns and two 20-mm. cannons.

Horsepower of these single-engined Japanese fighters ranges from 650 to 850-h.p. at the most effective heights, whereas the four German pursuit planes listed are driven by engines developing 1200-h.p.

The German fighters are marked by the more frequent use of 20-mm. cannon, generally higher speeds and greater protective armor for the pilots. The Heinkel 113 and the Messerschmitt 109F, for example, both single-engined fighters, weigh approximately 5700 and 6000 pounds, respectively, as compared with an approximate average of 4400 pounds for the Japanese pursuits. The German fighter aircraft listed also are armed with 7.9-mm. machine guns which is approximately .31-caliber.

Each of the five Italian fighter planes listed is armed with at least two 12.7-mm. machine guns which compare almost exactly with the American .50 caliber. Italy also used the 7.7-mm. machine guns, fixed in the wings and firing forward in the fuselage. The Italian planes generally provide armor-plating for crew protection which makes them considerably heavier than the Japanese planes of the same class, although rated horsepower for the Fiat G50 and CR42 and the Macchi C.200 is 840-h.p. The Macchi C.202, which is rated as having a maximum speed of 330 miles per hour at 18,000 feet and a cruising

speed of 300 miles per hour, is powered with a 1200-h.p. engine.

No Japanese twin-engine fighter planes are listed, although descriptions are given for the German Messerschmitt 110, powered with two 1200-h.p. liquid-cooled engines, and the Junkers 88, driven by two motors of the same power; and the Italian Breda 88, powered with two air-cooled motors.

The German JU 88, night-fighter version of a similarly designed twin-engined ship used for long-range and dive-bombing missions, carries minimum armament of three 7.9-mm. machine guns or three 20-mm. cannon in the nose of the fuselage, in addition to 7.9-mm. machine guns protecting the rear and the underside. It has an approximate maximum speed of 290 miles per hour at 18,000 feet.

The ME 110, with a service ceiling of 32,000 feet, is armed with at least four 7.9-mm. machine guns and two 20-mm. cannons firing forward, in addition to machine gun protection for the rear.

The Breda 88 has a rated maximum speed of 310 miles per hour at 13,500 feet, a service ceiling of 28,500 feet, a range of 900 miles, and is armed with three 12.7-mm. machine guns in the fuselage and two 7.7's in the wings.

Information on two troop-carrying German gliders is included. One—the Gotha 242—has a crew of two pilots and can accommodate 21 other fully equipped soldiers. The plane is armed with four machine guns, and carries a wheeled undercarriage which can be dropped, leaving the landing to be effected on three skids.

The German DFS230 glider has a capacity of 10 fully equipped soldiers, including a pilot, and has a gun port to admit an infantry machine gun. Both gliders usually are towed by a Junkers 52, a three-engine monoplane, with accommodations for about 18 soldiers.

Also listed is the German Focke Wulf 200K, a 24-ton long-range bomber driven by four 850-h.p. motors. This ship has a range of approximately 2400 miles and a bomb load capacity of 3300 pounds. Minimum armament includes a 20-mm. cannon, and five 7.9-mm. machine guns. Its duties

include long-range sea reconnaissance, ship strafing, mine-laying and work in conjunction with submarines.

The Junkers 87—the dive bomber used extensively in Europe during the early stages of the war—is powered by a single liquid-cooled engine of 1150-h.p., has a bomb load capacity of 1100 pounds and is armed with two 7.9's in the wings and one of similar caliber to protect the rear.

The only four-engined Japanese ship listed is the Awanishi T97 Navy flying boat, reported to be based on the S42 Sikorsky flying boat. The Jap ship is a monoplane powered with four 900-h.p. air-cooled motors, and has an approximate range of 1500 miles with 3500 pounds of bombs. This ship carries a crew of 10 men and is armed with two machine gun turrets.

Two Italian bombers—the Savoia-Marchetti 79 and the Cant Z1007—are powered with three engines; the SM79 with three Alfa-Romeo 780-h.p. air-cooled motors, and the Z1007 with three Piaggio 1000-h.p. air-cooled engines. The latter ship is of all-wood construction, has a range of 800 miles and a bomb load capacity of 2600 pounds. The SM79 is of mixed wood and metal and can carry a bomb load of 2200 pounds 1000 miles.

Of longer range is the Italian Fiat BR20, a twin-engine bomber with a capacity of 2200 pounds over 1150 miles.

The Japanese Mitsubishi T97, on the other hand, powered with two 870-h.p. air-cooled motors, can carry 4400 pounds of bombs over a range of 1180 miles, and the Kawasaki T97 can carry either 1100 pounds of bombs 1250 miles or 4400 pounds of bombs 240 miles.

The German Dornier 217, a twin-engined bomber powered with two 1500-h.p. air-cooled motors, has a range of 1010 miles with a bomb load of 4400 pounds, and the twin-engined Junkers 88 can carry a similar load 1150 miles. The Heinkel 111 has a range of 1540 miles with 1760 pounds of bombs, or 760 miles with 4400 pounds of bombs.

Seven Japanese Army types of single-engined bombing and reconnaissance planes are described. These include the Nakajima T92, the Kawasaki T97, the Mitsubishi T97 in two variations, the Mitsubishi T98 in two types, and the Showa T99.

Japanese Navy types include fighter aircraft equipped for deck landings and with floats, torpedo bombers equipped for deck landing and for landing in the sea, and multiple-engined flying boats equipped with cannon reported to be as heavy as 37-mm.

## Chaffee Chatter

CAMP CHAFFEE, Ark.—Sgt. J. McGinness, who has been in Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 50th Armed Inf., since the activation of the 6th Armored Division, has been sent to officers candidate school for the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Warren, Wyo. The sergeant with a live wire personality will be missed by the personnel.

Returning with a trainload of recruits from Camp Meade, Md., Sergeant Alexander shivered the news that there was two feet of snow on Meade ground.

Daily, now, the company area echoes to the cries of drill sergeants whipping recruits into shape. Once again the familiar picture of blue denim figures doing fatigue work brightens the bare company grounds.

Among the new recruits are some with previous service in the army or navy. So Hq. Co. now has Private Angle, who was in the Army from 1936-40. Two years of this stretch were spent in the Philippines. He was in a machine gun company in the infantry and has received the expert's medal for this weapon.

Pvt. T. Kelly was formerly a corporal in an infantry machine gun company. He has served two years in Panama. He, also, is an expert with the machine gun. When discharged from his enlistment eight months ago, Kelly knew he was to be drafted, so he took a vacation which lasted until the board called him for his draft service.

Private T. Cabana served four years in the Navy from 1928 to 1932. The first two years he was a parachute packer on the Aircraft Carrier USS Lexington. He was then transferred to the Naval Air Station at Anacostia, where he was chauffeur for Admiral Moffet.

First Sergeant Jones, Co. B., announces the following promotions: To be corporal—Private Riggs, Cohen and Adams. To be Privates, First Class—Ritter and Sobo.

To prove that the accent isn't all on muscle, we write of PFC Robert Herskovits, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., who throughout his college days at New York University made but two B's... all his other marks were A's. Soon he will leave for officers training school.

In the absence of Captain Dennis, company commander in the hospital, Lt. Jon Johnson has now taken over to act in his place.

Privates Tyson, Summitt, Gabriel, Fishburn and Herskovits have been promoted to the rank of privates first class.

First Sergeant Riggs has an 11-year-old son fast outstripping his Dad. His trousers are just one inch shorter than his father's.

Some of the names the boys are giving their vehicles deserve mention—Sally Rand, Sparmate, Swift, Sure and Safe, Saunterin' Sal, Stinky, Sparky, Son o' th' Sixth, and Shur-Shot.

Despite the fact that two of the cadre are named Clarence and Perry, the company IS a fighting outfit.

### Hamilton Show By Legion

The Bay Ridge Post of the American Legion sponsored a "Hill Billy Show" at the Fort Hamilton Y. M. C. A. The company was composed of 50 members of the organization and their families.

### QUEER ANSWERS

## 1st Aid Quiz Brings Laughs

Red Cross examiners of a first-aid class for adults have come across some surprising answers to their quiz. None of them would have won the jack-pot; but some of them would be hard to top.

Here are some of the results: For dog bite—"Put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it."

To avoid auto-infection—"Put slipcovers on the seats, and change them frequently. Always drive with the windows open."

For fracture—"To see if the limb is broken, wiggle it gently back and forth."

Respiration—"This is handy thing to know how to do, especially if you live far from a doctor."

To prevent head colds—"Use an agonizer to spray nose until it clogs into your throat."

Blood circulation—"It flows down one leg and up the other."



Extreme caution must be used in placing the fuse on the shell!



Don't get any ideas, buddy!



## BOOKS . . .

**"WELCOME SOLDIER"** by Clark McMeekin; D. Appleton—Century Co., N. Y.; \$2.50 (Novel). Back in the days of the first World War, Mary Lou Nelson had served on a committee of Louisville debts to welcome soldiers to camp. She had fallen in love with a young soldier and when he left for the war, romanticized what was to him a casual friendship into a definite engagement. When, with the second World War, her "fiancee," long believed killed in action turns up again, and with a grown son, Mary Lou has a good little bit of explaining to do.

The story jumps from War number one to War number two and back again to number one with amazing speed. Somewhere along the road in one of these jumps, two of the most interesting characters in this tale disappear from sight completely and leave one holding the bag, so to speak, wondering what has happened to them.

Authors Isabel McLennan McMeekin and Dorothy Park Clark, who collaborate in their novels under the name of Clark McMeekin are "around the corner," neighbors in Kentucky. In writing one of their novels, they talk out the outline and then write both independently, and together, making their novels a fifty-fifty job.

**"A Dictionary of Army and Navy Slang,"** compiled by Park Kendall and Johnny Viney; M. S. Mill Co., Inc., N. Y.; 50c.

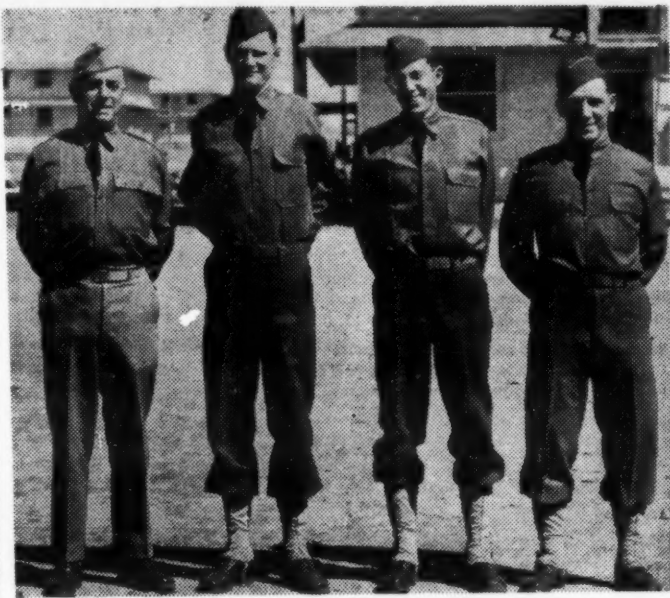
Since the boys in the service have a language all their own, and their friends and relatives are probably in the dark when they receive letters reeking with this jargon, this little pocket-sized dictionary will come in very handy. It contains, in addition to Army and Navy terms, many slang words and expressions used in the aviation and marine divisions.

If, for example, your soldier writes home that "He bought his girl a chubby," don't be alarmed. He simply means that he was broke, so he gave her a pinch on the cheek and spent the evening smoking her old man's cigarettes and raiding the ice box.

Or, if you hear a sailor remark that "a baluke was going to blow the grampus on a boot, but the Luff came by," it would mean that the presence of the lieutenant saved a new recruit from having a bucket of water accidentally spilled on him by a dopey sailor.

**"The Royal Road to Romance"** by Richard Halliburton; Pocket-Books, N. Y.; 25c.

If you long for travel and glamorous adventure, by all means don't miss the Pocketbook edition of Halliburton's tramp through Europe. His enthusiasm for things out-of-the-way would make a sick goldfish look glamorous, and it is not uncomfortable to be able to visit the Folies-Bergeres, the exotic Alhambra, the historic rock of Gibraltar, (with a little side-tour to the jails of Gibraltar), the immortal Taj Mahal, the outlandish province of Ladakh where the women have plural husbands, and numerous by-words of adventure without having to move from your easy chair.



**INSTRUCTORS** at Camp Wolters, Tex., kneel by their little beds each night and pray that one—just one—of their battalions of recruits will turn out to be an expert machine gunner. This week the 56th Battalion produced three—all of them men who had never even seen a machine gun before. Shown here with their C. O., Lt. Col. Charles A. Welcker, are (left to right): Pvts. Cynis M. Miller, Walter J. Abrams and Frank J. Padlogar.

## China Clipper Pilot Hits the Deck Too Early, Falls Short of Mark

**HAMILTON FIELD, Calif.**—This is the story of how the China Clipper got warmed up ahead of time. Now the China Clipper, in the parlance of Barracks 6, is not an aeroplane, but an automatic dishwasher. Each day, one of the kitchen police crew gets the job of sitting beside the China Clipper and letting it do most of the work.

Needless to say, every k. p.'s ambition is to be assigned to the China Clipper rather than peel potatoes (far from automatic) or scrub floors. The trick is to get to the kitchen first.

One night last week, Private Leo Victor De Donato of Seattle, Wash., was getting some sleep before k. p. the next morning when, about midnight, three buddies came in from the movies. The barracks were pitch dark, with the blackout windows

shut. One of the boys waved a flashlight in Victor's face, woke him up, and told him to get up for k. p.

He fairly bounced up. He threw on his clothes, and dashed down to the kitchen in order not to be late for the China Clipper. A cook was in the kitchen, fixing himself a midnight snack, so everything looked normal. Victor rushed over to the Clipper. He washed it out, put in the soap, got everything in readiness and waited for the customers to start pouring in. He waited ten minutes. Finally he asked, "where is everyone?"

"Are you foolin'?" the cook asked. "I'm on k. p. this morning," said Victor.

"It's 12:15 a.m., buddy," the cook mildly remarked, as he munched away. "You're just five hours too early."

## According to Sergeant Hoyle . . .

Every experienced contract bridge player, of course, welcomes a "two-suit"—a hand which contains two five-card suits, or perhaps even one with one five-card and one six-card suit. With any kind of support from your partner, you can usually make these hands earn many points for you—yet you don't want to get so enthusiastic that you climb up to a high level, and then find out your partner doesn't like either suit.

For example, suppose you held this "two-suit"—

S-5 H-KQJ42 D-KQJ32 C-32  
If your partner has three cards in either hearts or diamonds, you would be perfectly satisfied to play

the hand, but if he had only one or two cards in the red suits, the hand would be almost completely unmanageable. You would probably lose two hearts, two diamonds, plus tricks in the black suits.

The danger signal in this situation is when you have two suits and find your partner has the other two. Then both of you are stuck, for neither one of you can find a good fit for any suit. There is only one thing to do—pass, as soon as you find it out. If the contract is low enough, you may still be able to struggle through, and you are not as likely to be doubled by your opponents.

## Pretty Young Miss Is Army Composer's Muse

Pfc. Robert L. Wilson

Special to The Army Times:

**CAMP WHEELER, Ga.**—Nearly a century ago Alphonse de Lamartine, the French poet, wrote that "there is a woman at the beginning of all great things."

Two weeks ago 16-year-old Miss Miriam Stanley of Macon, Ga., kissed 52-year-old gray-thatched Master Sergeant Joseph Villa smack on his wrinkled brow.

Yesterday, at one of its weekly concerts, the Camp Wheeler military band, under the baton of its director, Sgt. Villa, introduced The Waltz Miriam—a truly beautiful waltz composed by himself and inspired by Miss Stanley, vocalist for one of Wheeler's two camp dance bands.

"That's all there was to it," Sgt. Villa confessed in broken English. "She kissed me right here," pointing to his flushed forehead, "and I wrote a waltz."

It was the popular Wheeler bandmaster's first composition, and it came after 32 years of service as a musician in the United States Army.

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# 64 Major League Players In Service

## Greenburg, Feller Lead Parade of Baseball Stars Into Armed Service

The baseball season opened this week with traditional fanfare, but without the services of 64 players, from Hank Greenburg and Bob Feller down to the rawest rookie, who now are members of the armed service, instead.

The American League contributed 42 players to the Army, Navy and Marines, while 22 National leaguers are wearing khaki or navy blue.

Loss of Feller to the Navy virtually eliminates Cleveland from the pennant scramble, and the gap left by Sgt. Hank Greenberg doubtless will relegate Detroit to the second division.

Besides Feller, the Indians also lost Outfielder Clarence Campbell, and in addition to Greenberg, the Tigers have sent Outfielder Pat Mullin and Pitchers Fred Hutchinson and Bob Uhle into the service.

The world champion Yankees will be without regular First Baseman Johnny Sturm, Pitchers Charles Stanceau and Steve Peek and Reserve Catcher Ken Silvestri, but this threat to their standing was minimized by the Boston Red Sox' loss of two southpaw pitchers, Earl Johnson and Mickey Harris, and a couple of other reserves. The Sox also lost Catcher Frank Pytlak to the Navy.

The Washington Senators, St. Louis Browns and Philadelphia Athletics all have been hit hard.

The Senators have transferred a dozen men, including Cecil Travis and Buddy Lewis, to baseball's defense list; the Athletics have yielded Sam Chapman, Benny McCoy, Al Brancato and several others, and the Browns John Berardino, Joe Grace, George Archie and John Kramer among others.

The Chicago White Sox, alone of all the American League teams, have not lost a regular. In the National League Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and New York have given up no regulars and the Chicago Cubs no players at all.

Brooklyn's champion Dodgers will be without Cookie Lavagetto and Don Padgett, and have just been notified that Pete Reiser, last year's batting king, is in class A-1.

The war has cost the Boston Braves Bill Ponder and Carvel Rowell and the Phillies Pitcher Hugh Mulcahy and Emmett Mueller.

Mulcahy is reported to be the first baseball star headed for combat service. In fact, he may be in the far Pacific now. Most of the other players are still in training camps and in many cases are playing ball on various Army and Navy teams.

## Windshield

**CHANUTE FIELD**—Besppectacled baseball players are a rarity, but the Chanutte Field post team has two who play side by side in the infield. They are Herbert Scheffler, first baseman and captain, and Charley Bushong, second baseman. Weak even before, Bushong's eyes just couldn't take it without glasses after he was beaned while playing with Wenatchee, Wash., in the Western International League last season. Scheffler, a Boston Red Sox chaffet till he joined the Army, was with Greensboro, N. C. in the Piedmont league last summer.

## Letter From Islands Reveals Sarge Still 'Carries the Ball'

By Cpl. Harry Blake

**CAMP WHEELER, Ga.**—That letter Cpl. Joseph Birosh expected from the Philippines has arrived at Co. C of Camp Wheeler's 14th Training Bn.

It's from Sgt. Frank Shafsky, a former football teammate, and it was received here after the corporal had been transferred to another Army unit. It came in a stained and soggy envelope, the handwriting was shaky; and here's how it goes:

"Dear Joe:

"Just a few lines to let you know that us Yanks are still carrying the ball for Uncle Sam's team. In the line plays a few of us got tagged for being offside. I got penalized about 10 days, but I am back in my old position as good as ever. I hope you are still doing your bit for Mr. Whiskers. Keeping your mouth shut, eyes open and belly to the ground is still good advice for you and your recruits, and I hope you are still drilling a lot of them. Say Hello to the gang. I hope I'll be seeing you lugs soon! Over here!"

First Sgt. L. T. Bartlett of Co. C, who played on the same team with Shafsky and Birosh, opened the letter and is holding it, as Birosh asked him to do. He'll forward it as soon as the corporal discloses his next Army address.

## Big Time Next?

**FT. RILEY, Kans.**—Promotions in public and private life alike are accruing to Cpl. Dick Collins, a lanky-shanked pitcher, owned by the St. Louis Browns.

Corporal Collins received a sort of remote control promotion by being moved up from B League, Bridgeport, Conn., club to Hartford, Conn., team of A League calibre, although he played no organized baseball since induction last year.



**EYE-FILLING** moment for Pvt. Dominic Grico, whose orb is covered with leather on the left hand of Pvt. Albert Christianson in stirring action during the 125-pound battle of the 10th Training Bn. at Field Artillery RTC, Ft. Bragg, N. C. Grico won the title.

FARC Photo by Pvt. John Bushemi.

## Speedboat Ace Is Santa Ana Cadet

**SANTA ANA, Calif.**—Motorcycle and motorboat racing which provided him with many a thrill in recent years, have lost much of their interest for 26 year old George F. Pipher, of Los Angeles, who hopes soon to be piloting a fast Army pursuit plane. The reason is that, as an aviation cadet at the new Air Corps Replacement Training Center near here, Pipher is seeking his pilot's wings and a commission in the Army Air Corps.

Combining business with pleasure, the future birdman turned his mechanical talents to the field of custom built automobiles. After operating his own business for some time, Pipher became associated with Custom Motors in Hollywood where he worked on special autos for such members of the movie colony as Clark Gable and Eleanor Powell.

## After Remembering 275 Plays, Pass Word Is Easy for Reino

**CAMP GRANT, Ill.**—Quarterbacking for the Chicago Bears requires a mind like a file index. You can take that from Pvt. Reino Nori who prefaced a three-year pro football career by winning 16 college athletic letters.

Nori is now a trainee in Company C, 27th Bn., and is a candidate for the second base post on the Camp baseball team. But football is his first love, and when the conversation, even in springtime, turns to the gridiron Nori's eyes light up.

He ended his professional grid career with the 1938 Bear edition, calling signals for a team that won second place in the western division of the National League.

At that time the Bruins were almost the sole exponents of the now-famous T formation which puts quite a burden on the quarterback. Owner-coach George Halas had 275 plays and his quarterbacks had to know them all as well as the individual assignment of all eleven men on each play. At any time Halas was likely to ask his quarterbacks to diagram any one of the 275 plays.

Constant drilling on plays, Nori said, developed the timing and coordination that has made the Bear offense something fearful to opponents. Pre-season practice consisted of six hours work daily on scrimmage, running signals and conditioning.

After the games start, scrimmage is finished for the campaign, but that doesn't mean the gridders show up only on game days.

Five days a week they're at the ball park at 9 o'clock, warm up and then run through signal drill until noon. Saturday's workout, the last before a game, is shorter.

Nori is a short, stocky man who has weathered a heavy athletic program in good shape. He packs 180 pounds, 10 or 15 more than when

## Chanute Schedules Cards

**CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.**—An exhibition game with the St. Louis Cardinals has been booked for the local diamond June 1 by the post baseball team. Negotiations for additional exhibitions are under way with the St. Louis Browns and other major league nines.

# AAU Clarifies Status Of Soldier-Athlete

**BALTIMORE, Md.**—A liberal policy by the American Athletic Union for soldier-athletes was sought in a conference between Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord and AAU officials who met at Third Corps Area headquarters to clarify the status of athletes in khaki.

Out of the conclave came an eight-point proposal similar to the AAU policy in force during World War I.

Amateur soldier-athletes will not put their standard in jeopardy by competing with or against professionals, but amateurs may not compete against professionals for personal profit unless it is for a recognized charity and with authorization of commanding officers, were major proposals made.

Framed by Major Reckord, the athletic platform was entirely endorsed by the AAU officials, who will present the proposals to the national body for adoption. AAU officials suggested that Major Reckord submit his plan to the War Department for consideration in connection with the adoption of a uniform policy to govern all athletes in the armed forces.

## The eight-point platform:

1. Determine the status of an individual before he entered the service—professional or amateur.
2. Freeze him in that status for the duration.
3. Regardless of previous status, an individual is eligible to play on service teams as authorized by his commanding officer.
4. The service team may play any team, either professional or amateur, as authorized by the commanding officer.
5. No amateur athlete shall be penalized because he plays as a member of an Army team, even though that team may occasionally play against professionals.
6. If an individual was a professional prior to entering the service, he is not eligible to compete in AAU tournaments, either as an individual or as a team member of any team, including an Army team.
7. If an individual was an amateur prior to entering the service, and subsequently as an individual, or as a team member competes against professionals for his own personal profit, notwithstanding the above provisions, he shall lose his amateur status in the AAU, except when authorized by his commanding officer, if such professional competition is for the benefit of his company, regimental, or other official fund or recognized charity, his status as an amateur shall not be impaired.
8. An individual, regardless of service team affiliation, will continue to be eligible as an amateur or professional, either as an individual or a team member, based solely on his status prior to entering the service unless he loses his amateur status as provided in paragraph seven.

## Best Assister in Minors

**JEFFERSON BARRACKS, Mo.**—Another professional baseball player is now receiving his basic training here is private Fred Spagnoli, who has eight years professional experience in the Southeastern League. He played with both the Macon, Ga., and Gadsden, Ala., teams, at one time setting a record of fielding in assists for second basemen, 469.

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# Bragg Ball Seers See Subway Series

Special to The Army Times:

FT. BRAGG, N. C.—Sports experts of the 9th Div. put their heads together this week as the major league baseball season got under way and came up with the positive announcement that nickel world series is in the offing. The doughboy kibitzers (mostly from

"Greenpernt"), are certain that the Brooklyn Dodgers will nose out the St. Louis Cardinals and the Cincinnati Reds in a bitter National League dogfight while the Bronx Bombers will absolutely salt away the junior circuit pennant by mid-July.

Here's the way they've got it figured:

The Durochermen are destined to take the field a much stronger club than the team that bowed to the Yankee siege guns last fall in the opinion of the Division diamond enthusiasts interviewed at Regimental post exchanges and in the 9th's Service Club. The major reason for Brooklyn's added offensive may be found in the T. N. T. that Arky Vaughn, new Flatbush third baseman, carries around in his bat. Vaughn looks as powerful as ever this spring and along with Camilli, Herman and Reese, those Beautiful Bums have the most potent infield in the senior circuit.

The Dodger picket line still looks like the league's best with Reiser in the center garden, flanked by Ducky Medwick and Dixie Walker. "Ole Dix" is still the darling of the Flatbush faithful and Larry McPhail is shrewd enough to lend an ear to the cries of the cash customers. Calan and Rizzo will be on call should Pete Reiser be called into the armed forces at an early date.

The sweetest note in the entire Gowanus rhapsody is the manner in which Durocher's questionable pitching staff is shaping up. Wyatt and Higbe will again be the best one-two mound combination in baseball, but this year they should get plenty of support from the aging wings of Johnny Allen, Curt Davis and "Lefty" Larry French. All the Flock needs is to find one good starter among the youthful hurlers, Ed Head, Chet Kehn, Bob Chipman and Newall Kimball. And here's a tip straight from the Army experts—watch Chet Kehn if you like to play the dark horse, he's another Tommy Bridges, slow curve and all the trimmings. If any other problems arise during the course of the season, Larry McPhail's bankroll can purchase any player this side of heaven.

The Cards and the Reds look plenty okay, but the doughboys still pick the Dodgers. The Red Birds are young and fast, but don't think that they aren't going to miss the big bats of Johnny Mize and Don Padgett. There isn't a real howitzer left in the St. Louis lineup and this pennant isn't going to be won by one-base bingles. Besides Southworth will have the old sophomore voodoo hanging over the heads of White, Pollett, Musial, Crespi and Hopp, and the second year jinx has played havoc with Cardinal clubs in the past.

The Reds can be counted out since they haven't added any punch to last year's third place aggregation, and they are going to miss the prodigious drives of Bib Schnoz Lombardi. Of course they have a wonderful pitching staff on paper, but the days of the hitless wonders went out with the Model T Ford.

The American League situation is even simpler to dope out. With Bobby Feller now wearing a blue-jacket the only Yankee opposition fades completely out of the picture. Any opposing pitcher lucky enough to get past Rizzuto, Gordon and Hendrich will find himself facing DiMaggio, Keller and Dickey, and will probably burst into tears. You can't beat a team with six potential game busters in a nine man lineup. Mickey Mouse could win twenty games with that murderer's row behind him.

The Brooklyn men of the 9th may Bums will be closest to their hearts.

## Kegler King



PERFECT 300 rolled by Lt. Walt Schoenfeldt was the first recorded at Dodd Field, Tex., in three years. He added games of 256 and 214 for 770. Not bad.

## Greenberg Goes Hitless As Drew Downs MacDill

MACDILL FIELD, Fla.—Played under a scorching sun, Drew Field defeated the MacDill Fliers, Florida state champions, 4-1 to win the first of the "grudge" series.

Sgt. Fred Swoindall, Drew's ace pitcher formerly with the Washington Senators, scattered MacDill's six hits and won easily. He walked only one Flier and struck out six.

The MacDill nine was unable to bomb objectives as effectively as they do when the target is real but will be hard to beat in the second game. Hank Greenberg went hitless for the day, but scored the Fliers only run in the fourth on a walk. Swoindall's balk, and Srenar's single into left. Srenar hit two for four to lead the loser's attack.

not get back to the banks of Gowanus this summer, but you can bet that second only to Uncle Sam, the maneuvers of those Beautiful Bums will be closest to their hearts.

# Bayou Blitz Fists Smash Barksdale

CAMP POLK, La.—The Bayou Blitz "Tankers" of the 3rd Armored Division downed the Barksdale Bombers from the Shreveport Air Base in a well fought boxing meet at Barksdale Field.

The Blitzmen defeated the Bombers five bouts to two, with one a draw. Highlight of the evening was the heavyweight bout in which Pvt. Jockman, 23rd Engineer Bn., and Southern AAU heavyweight champ knocked out Vizard from Barksdale in the second round. The knockout came after some three knock-downs in the first round.

Jerry Wiegel of the 36th knocked out Evans from Barksdale in the third round. Schuemper kayeed Lutes from Barksdale in the second round after a terrific first round battle.

McCarthy of the 3rd Armored Maintenance battalion knocked out his opponent in the first round. Other victory for the 3rd Armored boys was in a close bout between Petro Antonio of the 3rd and Hamlin from Barksdale.

The Bayou Blitz boxers are under the direction of Lt. Peter W. Lempeis, former captain of the boxing team at the Citadel, S. C.

## Wis. Southerner

CAMP POLK, La.—East is East and West is West, but North and South are one, for Pvt. William Jeckman, a northerner, is representing the south in the National AAU boxing tourney at Boston.

Private Jeckman, a native of Appleton, Wis., and a member of the 3rd Armored (Bayou Blitz) Division, carried off the Camp Polk Golden Gloves diadem and was sent to Chicago to win greater glory. He slugged out a semi-finals victory, but illness kept him out of the last heat.

The southern-northerner, or the northern-southerner, whichever you prefer, trained under the watchful eyes of Lt. Col. F. S. Tandy, commanding 23rd Engineers, and Lt. Glenn E. Morris, division special services officer.

## 9-Letter Athlete Seeks Lt.'s Bars

RANDOLPH FIELD, Tex.—Three-letter men are scarce—especially three-year three-letter men. Nevertheless, that's the record of Virgil E. Scobey, who compiled this unusual athletic record in football, baseball and basketball at Ashland College, O. Then he went straight into the Air Corps, is now receiving his basic instruction at the West Point of the Air. Another fifteen weeks or so and he'll "letter" for the tenth time—as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps.

# Cary Cox, Alabama Grid Great, Is Bragg's All-American Adj.

(Exclusive to Army Times)

FT. BRAGG, N. C.—With the appointment of Lt. William C. Cox as adjutant, regimental headquarters of the 60th Inf. may now claim one of the Army's rareties—an All-American adjutant.

Familiar to the nation's football fans as Cary Cox, the new adjutant saw plenty of service in bigtime football as a member of the University of Alabama Crimson Tide where he was captain and All-American center in 1939.

After a sensational year of frosh ball, Lieutenant Cox stepped into a varsity center berth on the Tide's great undefeated and untied team of the 1937 season which suffered its only defeat at the hands of the California Golden Bears in the Rose Bowl classic.

Lieutenant Cox was picked by United Press, Liberty Magazine and many others as first string center on the 1939 All-America team. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Professional League, but once he had his sheepskin in his hands he put away his cleats for good. He confesses that when the autumn leaves begin to fall he gets a yen to pitch the pigskin around, but he's a bit too busy these days for anything like that.

## DePaolo, Race Champ Lecturers at Chanute

CHANUTE FIELD, Ill.—Peter DePaolo, famed American racing champion, lectured here on the importance of precision workmanship in airplane maintenance and repair.

On a tour of the Air Corps Technical Training schools, DePaolo related a number of his experiences in racing and accredited much of his success to the care used in building and repairing his racing machines.

Winner of the Indianapolis speedway title in 1925 and holder of numerous national and international records, the famous driver declared that racing long had been the proving ground for automobile manufacturers.

## George Munson with Red Cross

CAMP STEWART, Ga.—George Munson, former major league baseball player, took up duties as new assistant field director of the American Red Cross here.

# Cage Games Net Relief Fund \$7000

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Major General Irving J. Phillipson, commanding general of the Second Corps Area, yesterday received from the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Basketball Committee a check in amount of \$7,116.11 for the Army Emergency Relief. This sum represented proceeds of the basketball program conducted in Madison Square Garden on Saturday, March 28, in which City College defeated Long Island University and a team representing the 2nd Corps Area defeated an All-Tournament quintet.

The presentation was made to the Army by Jack Coffey, of Fordham, chairman of the college committee representing ten New York City colleges which sponsored the program. The ceremony took place in the office of Colonel H. Clay M. Supplee, special services officer of the 2nd Corps Area. Asa Bushnell, chairman of the tourney committee for the college group, and Ned Irish, director of basketball in Madison Square Garden, were also present.

The colleges represented in the group sponsoring this program were Brooklyn College, Brooklyn Poly, City College, Fordham, Hofstra, Long Island U., Manhattan, Pratt Institute, St. Francis and St. John's.

Additional minor individual contributions totaling \$132 received by Ned Irish were turned over to the War Fund of the Red Cross.

## Young Ring Coach Is Foster Cadet

FOSTER FIELD, Tex.—"That victory medal is going to be tops in my collection," said Carl Ekstrom, veteran collegiate and amateur boxing champion, when he departed for duty as an aviation cadet.

The 25-year-old puglist who left the boxing coach post at the University of North Dakota to enter Uncle Sam's flying service prides his collection of championship awards. He was twice winner of the Northwest Golden Gloves Tournament and finished runner-up in the National Collegiate tourney in 1939.

## Foster Field Spikes Cavort on 7 Diamonds

FOSTER FIELD, Tex.—Seven softball diamonds, including one that is equipped for night ball, are available at Foster Field. An intersquad league of 15 teams will use the lighted field for its games while the other diamonds will be used for practice sessions.

The league is expected to start in about two weeks and continue until September, a play-off concluding the season.

Besides the softball league, plans are progressing for a post baseball team, the Recreation Office reported. A wealth of talent, including many ex-college players and others who have played semi-pro ball, is available. Among those available is "Peany" Gates, who was to have captained the Pennsylvania State College nine this spring.

## 35 Push-Ups Are Superior

Athletic standards at Ft. Custer, Mich., are:

Event	Minimum Standard	Average	Above Average	Superior
100 Yard dash.....	14 sec.	13 sec.	12.4 sec.	12.2 sec.
Running High Jump....	3' 9"	4'	4' 3"	4' 6"
Running Broad Jump..	12"	13' 6"	15'	16' 6"
Push-up from ground 20 times	25 times	30 times	35 times	35 times

Other minimum standards for average men are: Baseball throw—125 feet; Basketball throw—60 feet; Bar or fence vault—4 feet; Quarter-mile run—87 seconds; Half-mile run—3 min., 15 sec.; Pull-up (chin) 6 times; 20 foot rope climb—20 sec.







WITH the "free stamp act" now in effect, soldiers at Midland Flying School, Tex., are turning their extra pennies into war stamps and pasting them on the face of the leering Jap on the bomb. When \$18.75 worth have been attached to the missile they will be exchanged for a bond, which will be some patriotic organization. Then the first graduate of the bombardier college who scores an important victory over the enemy will be presented with the bond. Here, Mary Jane Harper hands a stamp to Pvt. George R. Seybold.

## Rickenbacker Predicts 10-Year War; Urges Air Training in High School

MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y.—Offering a prediction that the war will last "from five to ten years," Col. Eddie Rickenbacker, World War I ace, told a group of newly-fledged Army Air Corps pilots here, "You'll be going into battle the finest trained pilots in the world. I envy you."

Col. Rickenbacker, who has just completed a tour of air bases, repeated his plea for "more pilots—more planes." He envisioned a need for 300,000 American pilots before the long war ended and asserted that the sooner high school boys were taught military science as a part of regular classwork, the better would be the Nation's chances to win. Teaching aviation ground work in high schools would speed completion of the 300,000 pilot quota, he said. Air power will be the dominant factor in victory, the air line executive declared.

Contrasting the rattletrap equipment and sketchy training he and his comrades got in the last war,

Col. Rickenbacker said:

"I had 35 hours in the air when I first went into combat. After six months' fighting over the lines I still had only 375 hours altogether. You fellows are veterans with 350 to 500 hours already. You'll be going into battle the finest trained fliers in the world."

"And you'll have the best equipment. The records in the Philippines,

in Malaya, in Java, in Burma, show that, ship for ship, the planes you will fly are better than anything you'll meet—with one exception. The German Messerschmitt 109-F is a high altitude ship that's the best there is over 15,000 feet, but when you get 'em below that you'll have the best of it."

"You have a lot of heavy machine guns and maybe a cannon thrown in where we had two .30-calibre guns that usually jammed. You have armor plate and parachutes that we never had. You have the best ammunition, the best of everything. I envy you your opportunity to go out and defend your country."

## Rover Hits Across Army Road Truck Hits Rover—Leg Broken

DREW FIELD, Tampa, Fla.—The 503rd Medical Detachment had treated many a dog face, but it wasn't until a short time ago that they ran into the real thing. His name: Rover Dog, Army serial number 00000000. His injury: Hematoma of right hind leg at ankle joint, or a busted leg to you guys.

Accustomed to handling any and all emergencies without batting an eye, the 503rd medics went right into action when one of their men reported that one of Drew Field's favorite dogs had been run over by

a truck. Rover was immediately rushed to the dispensary, treatment for shock was administered, and the extent of his injuries was ascertained.

Not a bark or a yip did good soldier Rover emit when his broken leg was set and the splint applied. Then for two weeks he reported for active duty around the various mess halls in spite of the fact that the medical report confined him to quarters. On April 2 the splint was removed and Rover is bounding about as spry as ever.

## In Right Church But Wrong Pew

CAMP BLANDING, Fla. — Cpl. Oscar Schussler of Camp Blanding's Station complement initiated the new free mail privilege for soldiers by writing 14 letters in one day on his new stationery.

Here was the ideal setup, he thought. All he had to do was mark the word "free" in the upper right hand corner and in the left corner refer the postmaster to his printed return address on the back of the envelope.

The next day Schussler's 14 letters were returned marked postage due. Regulations specify the return address shall be in the upper left hand corner—on the envelope's front.

## SS Officer Has Busy Time

Special to Army Times

FORT ADAMS, R. I.—Setting down his cup of tea, he turned to jotting down future events on his huge wall schedule, and all the while kept a running conversation going on his telephone. This, a fair sample of the way a special services officer works most of his waking hours, and Lt. Frank G. Erskine, Harbor Defenses of Narragansett Bay special services officer, is just that busy every moment he is in his Service club office at Ft. Adams.

"But if you asked me what my job was, I actually couldn't tell you," he adds. "It simply grows from one thing to another until I'm sometimes not sure where I'm headed."

In fact, supervising and controlling the special service activities, formerly "morale" duties, of the Harbor Defenses of Narragansett Bay, is a much more complicated matter than just letting them "grow," as Lt. Erskine suggests. Main qualifications are a dozen hands, an encyclopedic brain and the ability to be in a dozen places at the same moment while meeting the problems and demands of everyone from enlisted men to social-minded civic groups who want to contribute their bit to the welfare of the men in the armed forces.

Not that Lt. Erskine would suggest that any successor of his would

need such qualifications, but 15 minutes in his office leaves any visitor with that impression. For example, you can catch Lt. Erskine most any afternoon measuring out sugar for his tea while completing arrangements with a representative of a large tobacco firm in Boston via long distance telephone for an enlisted men's entertainment in the Harbor Defenses.

It took a little more time to convince the man in Boston that there was more to the Harbor Defenses than Ft. Adams, and that any entertainment unit would have to plan on at least four performances here if they were to present any.

Lt. Erskine, who wears the insignia of the cavalry and whose early education included a military background, remarked, "That's a problem that popped up over a year ago when our work first began to expand. There seemed to be a general idea afloat that if you entertained the men of Ft. Adams you had included everyone in the Harbor Defense area. We've finally got that straightened out, and entertainment is equally rationed to every fort and outpost."

He spoke amidst the jingle of the telephone and was busy scheduling performances for a minstrel show three weeks in the future before the echo of the bell had died out of the room. Putting the telephone back on the desk, he grinned and asked: "See what I mean by busy?"

However, "special services" includes more than just acting as a booking agency for vaudeville units and community sings. It involves those extra bits of planning that include such things as a water safety program that was one of the first of its kind in the army camps of this section.

If you want to carry the work of his office into technicalities, Lt. Erskine can go into a complicated explanation of what "morale" and "special services" and the "welfare" of the enlisted men involves. It becomes complicated and eventually drags in the chapel and chaplain, the hospital and medical care, and mess halls and menus, as well as scheduled movies and other entertainment.

It may involve anything from attempting to straighten out a disgruntled enlisted man to smoothing the ruffled feathers of an indignant committee that simply can't understand why . . . well, who can't understand.

Remembering that the Harbor Defenses of Narragansett Bay involve several forts and outposts, hundreds of men with as many different entertainment tastes and the complications arising out of trying to be at every program, meeting and what-have-you, makes understanding his task easier. "It's not making my hair any darker," comments Lt. Erskine, "but it's worth it."

## Monroe Garage "Keeps 'Em Rolling"

FORT MONROE, Va.—"Keep 'Em Rolling" is more than a slogan to soldier motor transportation experts of the Post Motor Pool at Fort Monroe, believed to be the largest of its kind in the entire Third Corps Area.

The motor pool, or central garage, houses 152 pieces of equipment ranging the scale from tiny, ditch jumping jeeps to huge cargo trucks and tractor-trailer units. Fort Monroe is a vital spot in the coastal defense setup of the nation by virtue of the fact that it is the headquarters of the Chesapeake Bay Sector.

Trouble-free operation and constant readiness for any transportation job that may be thrust upon it makes the motor pool an important factor in the military defense of the peninsula. Landing attempts by enemy forces would find the huge motor pool in readiness for just such an event.

Under constant military guard, with a large force of drivers and other necessary personnel sleeping in the huge steel and concrete structure, it would be possible to have a large convoy thundering to a destination within a matter of minutes.

Averaging better than 60,000 miles per month, the Army fleet has estab-

lished a maintenance and safety record that ranks with best established by crack civilian truck fleets. In two and one-half years there has been only one accident casualty recorded. During the past three months operations have resulted in but seven minor accidents with no damage to vehicles.

Commanding the motor pool is Maj. Samuel Marshall, of Middleburg, Va., automotive officer of the Chesapeake Sector and Fort Monroe. His assistant is Lt. L. E. Wesner, Baltimore, Md., a graduate of the famed Army transportation school at Camp Holabird, Md.

The single story, steel trussed structure contains 43,747 square feet of floor space and was completed November 24, 1934, at a cost of \$109,300. Army and civilian transportation experts have termed the building a model structure. Maximum efficiency in operation and maintenance has been attained in part through the unusual layout of the huge building containing the many departments and sections.

It was pointed out that few civilian truck fleets in the country operate as varied a fleet as does the Fort Monroe central garage.

Rigid inspections daily, by respon-

sible non-commissioned officers in charge of each department and section, assure efficient operation and result in lowered costs for parts replacements. Extreme care is taken to insure maximum wear from tires. Each driver is held responsible for the appearance and first echelon (water, gas, oil, air in tires, correct number of tools) maintenance. Every instance where symptoms of mechanical trouble develops must be immediately reported by the driver.

### Name Tank for Singer

Betty Rhodes, pretty young singing star of "Tune Up America" heard on WGN at 2 p.m. (CWT) each Thursday, was recently honored by the crew of the Company "I," 13th armored regiment at Fort Knox. When the men received a fan picture of the pretty captain of ceremonies and then heard her singing, they decided to name their tank after her.

Following the tradition of allowing tank crews to name their machines to suit their fancy, six men christened their tank "Betty Rhodes." Then they sent her a picture of themselves and she in turn reciprocated with an individual picture for each member of the crew.

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## FOREIGNERS?

# Strange Names Stump Sergeant

By Lt. Reginald S. Jackson

Sgt. James R. Chestnutwood, 148th Inf., 37th Ohio Division, pointed at the roster of men of his outfit who had spent the weekend in the city.

It was afternoon and the men were to load into trucks and return to their camp.

"Call the roster, Sergeant," a lieutenant prompted impatiently.

Sergeant Chestnutwood cleared his throat and grunted, "Answer to your names, men! Private Sticks."

No answer.

"Private Throttle Sticks," bellowed the sergeant.

"Does anyone here know Private Sticks?" he asked with a wary eye, ready for any nonsense.

No answer. He checked the man as absent and went on to the next name.

"Private Brakes De Froze," he barked.

No answer.

The sergeant thought it might be the loss of sleep from the night before. He focused his eyes on the crumpled bit of paper. He looked at the lieutenant, who was frowning and staring at him in a peculiar manner.

He thrust his chest out and inched

toward the group of 75 soldiers.

"Private Tappets," he yelled, sticking his chin out menacingly.

Someone in the back said something about it being the wrong list.

"Let's see that list, sergeant," said the lieutenant, "we've got to get out of here and get back to camp."

Private Tappets, he mused as he looked at the list. Private Adjust Tappets.

Then he saw the light.

"Damnation, sergeant!" he cried, "this is a list of repairs needed for one of our trucks."

Sergeant Chestnutwood swallowed painfully several times, grasped the bit of paper thrust at him.

The other names on the list were "No Power," "Check Governor," "Crack In Block" and "Loose Wheels."

## Pvt.'s FARC Fighting Song Hits Hitler and Raps Japs

FARC, FORT BRAGG, N. C.—A new song for the Field Artillery has been written by a soldier of the Field Artillery Replacement Center here. Its composer, Pvt. Fred Clifford, sang the song for the first time at a smoker held in his battery, "D" of the 12th Battalion.

The song runs:

"If you see a soldier with red piping on his hat  
Walking proudly down the street, I'll bet you money that  
If you yell, 'Hey, soldier boy, what outfit are you in?'  
He'll turn about and he will shout  
With all the pride in him:

"I'm proud I'm allowed to be one of the crowd

In the Field Artillery,

Fighting men are we,

Fighting for our liberty!

We'll smash the Japs, the dirty Japs,

And we'll get Hitler, too—

We'll blow him and his rotten gang to hell before we're through!

From the islands of the Philippines

To the shores of Germany,

They will hear our battle cry as it rises to the sky:

"I'm proud I'm allowed to be one of the crowd

In the Field Artillery!"

## Jeep Starts Out as Good Car And Ends up as a Good Word

"Jeep" has just passed from Army slang into the dictionary. Learning that the USO is making a collection of Army and Navy slang heard in its clubhouses, Dr. Charles E. Funk, internationally known lexicographer, reported to USO that his new dictionary, not yet off the press, will record "jeep" as a good, solid English word.

With this report from the Funk and Wagnall's editor, jeep—no longer wearing quotes—was promptly struck from the USO compendium, which will present the lively new language now spoken in 649 USO clubs and service units of this country and Hemisphere bases.

As defined in Dr. Funk's dictionary, jeep is a "four-wheel-drive light

car of one-half to one-and-a-half ton capacity for reconnaissance or other Army duty." The word, Dr. Funk said, is perhaps the first real Americanism in World War II to get into a sober lexicon.

Derived from "G P" (General Production) which appeared on all orders for the specially made car, the word jeep has been the despair of Army purists. Until its definition was recently fixed by Dr. Funk, jeep meant anything from a bantam car to an anti-aircraft detector or a recruit.

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## Communiques

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attacks on Japanese installations and shipping in the Philippines by American Army bombers from Australia on April 13 and 14.

Thirteen bombers under the personal command of Brig. Gen. Ralph Royce flew to the Philippines and attacked the enemy at several points.

At Nichols Field, near Manila, several hangars were destroyed and runways were damaged. Off the coast of Batangas, Luzon, an enemy freighter was sunk.

At the Japanese-occupied airfield near Davao, in Mindanao, one enemy bomber was destroyed and several planes were damaged. In the Gulf of Davao, two transports were hit, one of which seemed to have sunk. At the same point, one seaplane was shot down and two others were damaged. Docks and warehouses at Davao were hit. Group concentrations near Davao were dispersed.

Near Cebu three transports were sunk and two others were hit. Three enemy planes were shot down over Cebu. The airfields at Cebu City were raided and several planes on the ground were damaged. Docks in Cebu City were hit and damaged.

One of four planes was lost, but the crew was rescued. None of the remaining bombers was seriously damaged.

There is nothing to report from other areas.

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